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Stories

2012-04-09 - "KHS and NHS robotics teams take crown" (with photo by Tim Bath) [Pages: A1, jump to A8]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1224376234/KHS-and-NHS-robotics-teams-take-crown>

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After the dust settled on Saturday at the Queen City Regional at Xavier University in Cincinnati, only three high school robotics teams could call themselves champions.

And two of them were from Kokomo.

2012-04-23 - "Teen death sparks outpouring of grief" [Pages: A1, jump to A5] (with photo by Rob Burgess)

2012-04-29 - Larger reprint of picture and shorter version of story for "Week in Review" [Page: D1]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x733698868/Teen-death-sparks-outpouring-of-grief>

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As 8 p.m. grew closer on Sunday, the throng of mourners posted along the 4600 block of Brookhaven Drive continued to grow. The roadway filled with many red, tear-streaked faces, most of them belonging to young mourners.

2012-05-18 - "USPS to begin closing plants" (localized Associated Press story) [Pages: A1, jump to A6]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x915981951/USPS-to-begin-closing-plants>

Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x915981951/USPS-to-begin-closing-plants/print>

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Along with Gary, Bloomington, Terre Haute and Columbus, Kokomo is one of five Indiana processing centers set for consolidation by February 2013.

2012-05-20 - "Minor wreck causes major roll" (with photo by Rob Burgess) [Page: A2]

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Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x915984252/Minor-wreck-causes-major-roll/print>

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What started as a relatively slight two-vehicle collision left a white-and-turquoise Geo Tracker sitting on its driver's side a block away just after 6 p.m. Saturday.

2012-05-31 - "WMS student nearly makes National Spelling Bee semifinals" (Associated Press and Lindsey Ziliak contributed, different headline in print edition and infobox) [Pages: A1 (mug), A3 (story)]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1647291698/WMS-student-nearly-makes-National-Spelling-Bee-semifinals>

Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1647291698/WMS-student-nearly-makes-National-Spelling-Bee-semifinals/print>

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Even though he read the dictionary twice, Western Middle School sixth-grader Pranav Haran still came up just short of advancement in the 85th Scripps National Spelling Bee on Wednesday.

2012-06-08 - "House fire leaves two injured" (with photo by Tim Bath) [Pages: A1, jump to A8]

2012-06-11 - Correction [Page: A2]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1318680511/House-fire-leaves-two-injured>

Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1318680511/House-fire-leaves-two-injured/print>

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A fully involved house fire Thursday night sent two residents to the hospital.

2012-08-06 - “Habitat for Humanity helps woman fulfill dream” (story by Carson Gerber, photos by Rob Burgess) [Pages: A1, jump to A8]

2012-08-12 - Larger reprint of pictures and shorter version of story for “Week in Review” [Page: D1]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1402347194/Habitat-for-Humanity-helps-woman-fulfill-wish>

Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1402347194/Habitat-for-Humanity-helps-woman-fulfill-wish/print>

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As a little girl, Sarah Stoldt remembers her favorite game was playing house with her niece. She loved pretending it was her own home — a place where she could be a mother and raise her children. But with the help of Kokomo Habitat for Humanity, make-believe became reality when Stoldt moved into her brand-new home on Kingston Road in July.

2012-10-06 - “Johnson brings message to the world” [Page: A1, jump to A8]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x371807987/Johnson-brings-message-to-the-Hoosier-state>

Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x371807987/Johnson-brings-message-to-the-Hoosier-state/print>

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INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Mitt Romney and Democrat Barack Obama spent Thursday attempting to fire up their respective supporters following Wednesday’s televised debate performances in Denver. Meanwhile, former two-term New Mexico governor and current Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson took his case to the Hoosier State.

2012-10-13 - “Clinton fires up Dems in Indy” (co-written by Rob Burgess and Megan Graham, photos by Rob Burgess) [Page: A1, jump to A9]

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INDIANAPOLIS — Former President Bill Clinton paid a visit to the Hoosier state Friday to speak to a crowd of 3,000 at the “Hoosier Common Sense Rally” at North Central High School in Indianapolis.

2012-12-26 - “‘A Christmas Story’ wins major award” (with submitted photo) [Page: A3]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x964858085/-A-Christmas-Story-wins-major-award>

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The month of December is rife with entertainments directed squarely on the holiday season. So, we asked our readers to tell us via Twitter and Facebook what their favorite sights and sounds of the season were.

2012-12-30 - “Snow hits area once again” (with photo by Kelly Lafferty) [Page: A2]

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Just days after the first major winter storm to hit central Indiana since 2010 dropped between 5 and 9 inches of snow on the Kokomo area, another chilly blast once again blanketed the region.

2013-02-03 - "Readers remember '78 blizzard" (with three submitted photos) [Page: A3]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1303538379/Readers-remember-78-blizzard>

Old Print URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1303538379/Readers-remember-78-blizzard/print>

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On Jan. 27, we posted the following status update on our Facebook page: "The blizzard of 1978 was 35 years ago today. Who remembers that?" Now, a week later, that one post has since received 1,140 likes, 262 comments and 52 shares. It's clear that many of our readers did, in fact, recall the once-in-a-generation weather event quite well.

2013-02-07 - "UPDATE: Woman found on James Drive ID'd" (In print edition this was a brief without a byline and name had not been released. Only online did my byline appear with the name of victim.) [Page: A8]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x2056608718/Woman-found-dead-on-James-Drive>

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A female was found dead of a gunshot wound at around 9:30 p.m.

Thursday on James Drive, according to the scanner.

2013-02-20 - “Medics continue to inspire” [Page: A1, jump to A5]

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INDIANAPOLIS — Early Saturday morning, a two-car collision caused the first known on-the-job deaths of emergency services workers in Indianapolis’ history.

2013-03-13 - “Inaugural comedy gathering gears up” [Page: A7]

Old URL:

<http://kokomotribune.com/entertainment/x2045495622/Inaugural-comedy-gathering-gears-up>

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BLOOMINGTON — Four titans of comedy along with more than 40 other comedians are set to descend upon Bloomington in June for the inaugural Limestone Comedy Festival, which is being described by organizers as “Indiana’s first and only comedy festival.”

2013-03-23 - “Car wedged under semi in accident” [Page: A1, jump to A12]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x620881448/BREAKING-Accident-leaves-car-wedged-under-semi>

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The driver of a tan, four-door Buick that ran into the back of a semi-trailer Thursday evening on U.S. 31 has been identified as 40-year old Natalie Douglas of Kokomo.

2013-11-23 - “How the Kokomo Tribune reported the assassination” [Page: A7, promo on A1]

Old URL: <http://www.kokomotribune.com/local/x207076086/How-the-Kokomo-Tribune-reported-the-assassination>

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<http://www.kokomotribune.com/local/x207076086/How-the-Kokomo-Tribune-reported-the-assassination/print>

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A few months back, a reader brought us a stack of yellowing editions of the Kokomo Tribune.

2014-01-23 - “Stuck in the middle; Long-term Howard County LGBT couples discuss their experiences” [Page: A1, jump to A3]

Old URL: <http://www.kokomotribune.com/local/x651189319/Stuck-in-the-middle>

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They aren’t married, and legally can’t be according to Indiana’s Defense of Marriage Act, which went into effect in 2004. Compounded on top of that is HJR3, the proposed constitutional amendment which would come before voters in November if approved by the Indiana General Assembly.

2014-01-23 - “In their own words - LGBT in Howard County” [Page: A6]

Old URL: <http://www.kokomotribune.com/local/x1427970903/In-their-own-words-LGBT-in-Howard-County>

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After I put out the call on our Twitter and Facebook pages for LGBT residents of Howard County in long-term relationships who would

marry their partners were it legal, I received back this letter in response.

2014-01-29 - "Kokomo native wins big at Sundance" [Page: A7]

Old URL:

<http://www.kokomotribune.com/bigstory/x651197103/Kokomo-native-wins-big-at-Sundance>

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It may only be his first time in the director's chair, but Kokomo native Ben Cotner won big Saturday in Park City, Utah at the Sundance Film Festival. Cotner shared the U.S. Documentary Directing prize with co-director Ryan White for their film, "The Case Against 8."

Refer to related online story: 2014-01-29 - "Associated Press - Attorneys promote gay marriage doc at Sundance"

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PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Attorneys Ted Olson and David Boies once argued the Bush v. Gore case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, but they say fighting California's law prohibiting same-sex marriage is the most significant thing they've done.

2014-02-02 - "Pence, others look to re-add HJR3's 2nd sentence" [Page: A5, promo on A1]

Old URL: <http://www.kokomotribune.com/local/x1280772093/Pence-others-look-to-re-add-HJR3-s-2nd-sentence>

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In his first public comments after an amended version of HJR3 passed the Indiana House of Representatives Tuesday, Gov. Mike Pence expressed dismay at the loss of the amendment's second sentence.

2014-02-10 - "HJR3 headed to Senate Rules Committee today" [Page: A2, promo on A1]

Old URL: <http://www.kokomotribune.com/local/x1280780815/Senate-Rules-Committee-to-hear-HJR3-Monday>

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To get to this point, HJR3 has taken a long, contentious and, oftentimes, circuitous route.

2014-03-26 - "Limestone Comedy Festival returns" [Page: A11, promo on A1]

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BLOOMINGTON — For the second year, the Limestone Comedy Festival is ready to take over downtown Bloomington this spring.

2014-04-21 - “Kokomo Skating Arena - 10 years gone” [Page: A1, jump to A3]

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Partially re-published: 2014-04-27 - “Week in Review” [Page: D1]

If you drive past the intersection of East Morgan and North Ohio streets these days you’ll see some trees, a parking lot and a Dollar General store. What you won’t see is the Kokomo Skating Arena, a landmark which stood on this corner for decades until a tornado caved the roof in April 20, 2004. Those who knew it well said they won’t soon forget it.

2014-04-23 - “Thumbs up for Ebertfest” [Page: A7, promo on A1]

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<http://www.kokomotribune.com/features/x2117344520/Thumbs-up-for-Ebertfest>

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When Pulitzer Prize-winning Chicago Sun-Times film critic Roger Ebert died April 4, 2013 at age 70 after a years-long battle with cancer, he left behind a vibrant legacy. The Urbana, Ill. native inspired countless other critics and boasted a fan base of millions of fellow movie lovers around the world. Now, a year after his passing, a vital strand of that heritage, Ebertfest: Roger Ebert's Film Festival, kicks off its 16th year tonight at the historic, 1,500-seat Virginia Theatre in Champaign, Ill.

2014-06-23 - "The Case Against 8' premieres Monday on HBO" [Page: A1, jump to A8]

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After a successful run on the festival circuit over the past few months, the big day is finally here for the documentary "The Case Against 8." The award-winning film is set to have its primetime premiere at 9 p.m. Monday on HBO East. The movie was co-directed by Ryan White and Kokomo native Ben Cotner.

2014-11-16 - "ACA Round 2" [Page: A1, jump to A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/aca-round-marketplace-enrollment-began-saturday-for/article_29625788-6d37-11e4-81ed-1fc0a5a1dc34.html

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On Saturday, the second-ever enrollment period for the historic Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as “Obamacare,” began. This time around, those with no health insurance will have until Feb. 15, 2015, to decide whether to seek coverage through the federally administered marketplace. In a series of phone interviews this week, local navigators, counselors and hospital workers said consumers have every reason to educate themselves before making a decision.

2014-11-16 - “The cost of opting out of a plan” [Page: A1, jump to A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/the-cost-of-opting-out-of-a-plan/article_e2238be4-6d36-11e4-8f51-4ba588bc13e8.html

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For those without health insurance who have not utilized the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, there will be a price to pay come April 15, 2015.

2014-11-17 - “Tornadoes damage 300 homes and commercial properties” [Page: 5, special section]

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/tornadoes-damage-homes-and-commercial-properties/article_ccb3df7e-6b43-11e4-8c57-a3c411fcc273.html

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Special section main URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/special_sections/tornado2013/

Video URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/one-year-later-in-their-own-words/video_94584d68-6dcd-11e4-b7cf-0f6cbc4dbcd4.html

The Glendennings, along with the rest of Kokomo, had just escaped serious injury or death in the third most numerous tornado outbreak ever recorded in Indiana. Damaging storms had also ravaged Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. The National Weather Service later determined two category F2 tornadoes had cut through the south end of Kokomo that day, causing “considerable damage” and hitting estimated top speeds of 120 miles per hour.

2015-01-17 - “The best albums of 2014 - the remix” [Page: A5, promo on A1]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/the-best-albums-of-the-remix/article_048fe15e-9e84-11e4-822c-bf47180e76ef.html

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In 2014, my son was born. This fact is the most amazing thing to ever happen to me. It has also been the most all-encompassing. I never realized how much time I had to relax, play guitar, watch movies and listen to music until I had almost none.

Related story: 2014-12-26 - Kokomo Tribune - Martin Slagter - "A look at the best albums of 2014" [Page: A7, promo on A1]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/features/friday-a-look-at-the-best-albums-of/article_2de5b46a-8b89-11e4-84bd-2b1fc00fbaef.html

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Critic year-end lists can be a bit cumbersome, filled with artists you've never heard of and albums you've never listened to. In an effort to expedite that process and provide something useful as we close out 2014, I've selected five albums I'm sure will provide at least something you, the readers might be interested in. Then again, you might not. These five albums, however, at least deserve a shot, and made the past year sound so much better.

2015-02-27 - "FEMA suspends state's hazard mitigation funds" [Page: A1, jump to A12]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/fema-suspends-state-s-hazard-mitigation-funds/article_bc9853dc-be26-11e4-8240-a71558a3dc68.html

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IDHS letter PDF:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/idhs-letter/pdf_74809946-be27-11e4-ad64-53b8ff9db6ee.html

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has suspended all hazard mitigation grant awards to the state of Indiana due to unresolved compliance issues with Kokomo's baseball stadium project, according to a press release issued late Thursday by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

2015-04-06 - "Limestone Comedy Festival - Volume III" [Page: A3, promo on A1]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/limestone-comedy-festival-volume-iii/article_a0b31616-db40-11e4-9794-ef9788309d2c.html

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BLOOMINGTON - For the third year in a row, The Limestone Comedy Festival will bring a cadre of top-flight comedic talent to Bloomington. And that's what keeps Jared Thompson, festival co-director and proprietor of The Comedy Attic, up at night: Meeting the exceptionally high expectations set by the past two years.

2015-05-23 - "Greentown robbery suspect in custody" [Page: A1, jump to A8]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/greentown-robbery-suspect-in-custody/article_87154fa4-00d3-11e5-b862-9bd736c6a798.html

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A suspect in Sunday's robbery of Huck's Convenience Store has been arrested, said Howard County Sheriff Steve Rogers Friday afternoon.

2015-09-24 - "Gregg on governing" (co-written by Josh Sigler and Rob Burgess, with photos by Tim Bath) [Page: A1, jump to A8]

Re-published: The Associated Press Exchange wire service, Sept. 26, 2015

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/john-gregg-shows-candid-side-as-he-gears-up-for/article_7766d954-620f-11e5-880a-9b2de76b95f7.html

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Gregg sat down with the Tribune Friday to discuss likely hot-button issues for Hoosiers heading to the polls next year.

2015-12-12 - "Best New Podcasts of 2015" [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/best-new-podcasts-of/article_a3fb3fc0-a079-11e5-b7af-f30fbdf55179.html

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I drive two hours round trip to and from work every day. That's 10 hours a week — at least — in the car. This can be draining, but it does have the charm of allowing me time to listen to podcasts. There are tens of thousands of podcasts out there, so I'm definitely leaving some out. But, here are my picks for the Best New Podcasts of 2015.

2016-03-21 - “Remembering Deputy Carl Koontz” [Page: A1, jump to A6]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/remembering-deputy-carl-koontz/article_dc4653ea-eee6-11e5-8c25-ebd8a6f259d5.html

After Howard County Sheriff's Department Deputy Carl Koontz, 26, was killed in the line of duty Sunday, we asked our readers on Facebook and Twitter to share remembrances of this fallen officer. The response was amazing.

2016-05-01 - “Bill Clinton campaigns for wife in Kokomo, asks for support” [Page: A1, jump to A9] (story by Rob Burgess and Cara Ball; photos by Kelly Lafferty Gerber)

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/bill-clinton-campaigns-for-wife-in-kokomo-asks-for-support/article_d409c160-0f0e-11e6-86d6-87b4dbe453df.html

Pancakes, politics and, of course, former President Bill Clinton brought dozens of Hoosiers out to United Auto Workers 685 early Saturday morning to promote his wife as she races for the democratic nomination.

2016-06-05 - “Kokomo metro area has largest wage drop in the country” [Page A4, promo on A1] (story by Rob Burgess and Cody Neuenschwander)

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/kokomo-metro-area-has-largest-wage-drop-in-the-country/article_4a1fa1c6-28f0-11e6-be94-17a37e7f534c.html

Kokomo paychecks have lost the most buying power of any other metro area in the country according to a report from the Pew Research Center released Tuesday.

2016-08-26 - Kokomo Tribune - Thousands still without power Thursday [Page: A3, promo on A1] (story by Rob Burgess, photos by Tim Bath)

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/thousands-still-without-power-thursday/article_a5afafa6-6b0b-11e6-b038-17511f6a2987.html

Thousands of Duke Energy customers in the Kokomo area were still without power a day after tornadoes once again ripped through the area.

2016-08-28 - "Recognizing the helpers after the tornadoes"
[Page: A11, promo on A1]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/recognizing-the-helpers-after-the-tornadoes/article_8a611196-6c95-11e6-b7ee-5385c9d899d0.html

As Fred Rogers once said: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" In that spirit, we wanted to recognize the helpers in our community. So, we asked our readers: "Is there someone you'd like to recognize who went above and beyond during Wednesday's tornadoes?"

2016-09-05 - "Let them know Labor Day means something"
[Page: A1, jump to A7]

In what was equal parts Democratic political rally and remembrance of the historic gains of organized labor, around 200 people gathered Sunday afternoon outside the United Auto Workers Local 685 Union Hall at 929 East Hoffer St.

2016-09-10 - "Hale on the campaign trail" [Page: A1, jump to A6]

When Democratic lieutenant governor candidate Christina Hale took the time for an exclusive interview before Sunday's Labor Day rally at United Auto Workers Local 685 Union Hall at 929 East Hoffer St., she said knew what it was like on the other side of the questions.

2016-09-19 - "Bayh reflects on return to the fray" [Page: A1, jump to A3]

If there is such a thing as political dynasty in Indiana, the Bayhs are certainly it. For four generations, this family has been in the spotlight.

2016-10-21 - "Calling all Octonauts" [Page: A7]

INDIANAPOLIS - Parents and children who are fans of the British animated television series "The Octonauts" should prepare to active the Creature Report. The first-ever interactive theater show version to tour the U.S. is visiting more than 60 cities including Indianapolis, where it set to begin at 5 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Murat Theatre at the Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.

2016-12-30 - "Top five new podcasts of 2016" [Page: A10]

For the second year in a row, I've compiled my list of the best new podcasts. (On a side note, you should also listen to the podcasts I've appeared on this year including, "The Workers' Voice," "Sounding Off" and, of course, "The Rob Burgess Show," but that's another story.) Anyway, here's my picks for 2016.

2017-03-06 - "Stout defeats Dodd to become new Howard Co. GOP chairman" [Page: A1, jump to A2] (story by Rob Burgess and George Myers)

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/stout-defeats-dodd-to-become-new-howard-co-gop-chairman/article_17c6df18-00f5-11e7-8e5c-9b79e4490a28.html

In a closed caucus meeting Saturday morning, Marty Stout was elected as the new Howard County Republican Party chairman by a group of precinct and vice-precinct committeemen at the county's Republican Party headquarters in downtown Kokomo.

2017-06-30 - "They're 'An American Band'" [Page: A8]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/they-re-an-american-band/article_c74cb912-5d39-11e7-a2b9-97dccf9fce4f.html

As you should already know by now, Grand Funk Railroad is an American band. And at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, they're coming to our town to help us party down as they headline the final night of the Haynes-Apperson Festival in Foster Park.

2017-09-27 - "The Kokomo Tribune celebrates the 50th work anniversary of our editorial clerk, Connie Patterson" (Online-only video by Cara Ball, co-starring Rob Burgess)

http://www.kokomotribune.com/multimedia/the-kokomo-tribune-celebrates-the-th-work-anniversary-of-our/video_2732dd57-4c72-5933-8244-150b55342072.html

Question Time

2013-05-13 - "Question Time - Dinner for four" [Page: A2]

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"If you could have dinner with any three people living or otherwise who would it be and why?"

2013-05-27 - "Question Time - Memorial Day edition" [Page: A4]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1543054865/Question-Time-Memorial-Day-edition>

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"Memorial Day is meant to commemorate the sacrifices of those who perished while serving in the armed forces. Do you have a specific veteran in mind who you'll be remembering?"

2013-06-03 - "Question Time - Lend me your ears" [Page: A3]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x240790426/Question-time-Lend-me-your-ears>

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"Imagine you are chosen to give a commencement speech to this year's graduating class of your alma mater. What advice would you give the students?"

2013-06-17 - "Question Time - Summer rewind" [Page: A2]

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"If you could relive one summer from your past over again, which one would it be and why?"

2013-06-24 - "Question Time - Summer reading" [Page: A3]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x182746923/Question-Time-Summer-reading-wish-list>

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"What books are you planning on reading this summer?"

2013-07-01 - "Question Time - Dream vacation" [Page: A3]

Old URL: <http://kokomotribune.com/local/x1763648204/Question-Time-Dream-vacation>

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"If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world this summer where would you go and why?"

2013-07-08 - "Question Time - Best summer movies" [Page: A3]

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"What is your favorite summer movie?"

2013-07-21 - "Question Time - Required reading" [Page: A3]

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“If it were up to you, what book would you require every high school student in the state to read before graduating?”

2013-07-28 - “Question Time - Summer camp stories” [Page: A3]

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“Did you attend summer camp as a child? If so, which one and what’s your favorite memory? If not, why not and do you wish you had?”

2013-08-05 - “Question Time - Sound the bell, school is in” [Page: A3]

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“In your opinion, what exact date do you think students should return to school from summer break and why? Or, do you support a year-round schedule, and, if so, why?”

2013-08-12 - “Question Time - What are the odds?” [Page: A3]

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“Are you playing? If you are, how hopeful are you of beating the 1 in 175 million odds? If you aren't playing, is there a certain amount the jackpot would have to surpass to get you to participate?”

2013-08-19 - “Question Time - Best television series endings” [Page: A3]

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“In your opinion, what television show has the best series ending and why?”

2013-09-01 - “Question Time - Hands-free driving coming soon” [Page: A4]

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“How do you feel about the idea of living in a world with driver-less cars?”

**2013-09-08 - “Question Time - Remembering Sept. 11, 2001”
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“Where were you on that day? What do you remember?”

2013-09-16 - “Question Time - What to do about Syria” [Page: A3]

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“What do you think Congress should do about Syria?”

**2013-09-23 - “Question Time - Goodbye summer, hello fall”
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“Is autumn the best season? Why or why not?”

2013-10-07 - “Question Time - Your best Halloween costume” [Page: A3]

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“What is the best Halloween costume you've ever worn?”

2013-10-14 - “Question Time - Christmas is coming” [Page: A3]

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“When do you start shopping for presents?”

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“Do you think Washington, D.C.’s NFL team should change its name? If not, why? If yes, suggestion for a new name?”

2013-10-27 - “Question Time - Your favorite World Series”

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“What was your favorite World Series and why?”

2013-11-04 - “Question Time - Social media for young children”

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“At what age, if any, should be the minimum for children to join and use social media sites like Twitter, Facebook, etc. Why?”

2013-11-11 - “Question Time - Best Thanksgiving dishes”

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“What is the best Thanksgiving dish and why?”

2013-12-02 - “Question Time - Christmas creep continues”

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“Do you think retailers should wait until the last holiday is finished before starting on the next one or are you OK with the overlap?”

2013-12-09 - “Question Time - Best and worst Christmas gifts”

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“What was the best Christmas gift you’ve ever received and why? And what was the worst Christmas gift you’ve ever received and why?”

2013-12-16 - “Question Time - Worst Christmas songs ever” [Page: A4]

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“If you could erase one Christmas song from existence which one would it be and why?”

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“If someone says ‘Happy Holidays’ to you (instead of ‘Merry Christmas,’ ‘Happy New Year,’ etc.), how does it make you feel and why?”

2013-12-30 - “Question Time - Where do you go when it snows” [Page: A2]

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“When it snows, where do you and your family and friends go to enjoy the weather (sledding, snow forts, etc.)?”

2014-01-13 - “Question Time - Comparing storms” [Page: A2]

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“How, specifically, does this winter storm compare to others you’ve experienced?”

2014-01-20 - “Question Time - A longer school year due to snow” [Page: A3]

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"When school is closed for inclement weather, should students have to cut into their summer break to make up the days or should those days just be written off?"

2014-01-27 - "Question Time - Who is your Super Bowl pick?"
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"Super Bowl: Seahawks or Broncos? Who do you have winning, and why?"

2014-02-03 - "Question Time - Favorite Super bowl advertisements" [Page: A3]

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"What is your favorite Super Bowl commercial ever and why?"

2014-02-10 - "Question Time - Best Super Bowl commercials 2014" [Page: A3]

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“What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial this year?”

2014-02-14 - “Question Time - Valentine's Day plans” [Page: A3]

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“Anything special planned for St. Valentine’s Day?”

2014-02-24 - “Question Time - Your funeral songs” [Page: A3]

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“What song (or songs) would you most like played at your funeral and why?”

2014-03-02 - “Question Time - Oscar predictions” [Page: A9]

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“Who do you think will win? Who do you think should win?”

2014-03-10 - “Question Time - Daylight Saving Time begins again” [Page: A2]

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“What’s your opinion of DST?”

2014-03-17 - “Question Time - In which time zone should Indiana be?” [Page: A3]

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“In which time zone (Eastern, Central, other) should Indiana be and why?”

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“Who do you having going to the Final Four and why? Who do you have going all the way and why?”

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“If you had a time machine, but could only visit yourself in the future or the past, which would you choose and why?”

**2014-04-07 - “Question Time - Most memorable spring break”
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“Thinking back, what was your most memorable spring break and why?”

2014-04-14 - "Question Time - Delete one technology forever"
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"If you could erase from existence one piece of technology from our modern life, what would you pick and why?"

2014-04-21 - "Question Time - Name a baby (or babies) today"
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"Imagine you're having a baby (or babies) today. What would you name it (or them) and why? (You can give answers for a girl, a boy or both; and any combination for twins, triplets, etc.)"

2014-04-28 - "Question Time - Distracted driving" [Page: A6]

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“Answer the following questions honestly: 1. When you are on the road and see another driver staring at their phone, what’s your first thought? 2. Have you yourself ever used your phone while driving? Do expect you will do so in the future?”

2014-05-05 - “Question Time - Donald Sterling's punishment” [Page: A2]

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“Was the punishment Adam Silver, NBA commissioner, levied against Donald Sterling, Los Angeles Clippers owner, fair? Why or why not?”

2014-05-12 - “Question Time - Best thrift shop finds” [Page: A3]

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“What is the best used item you’ve ever purchased? Why?”

2014-05-19 - “Question Time - New holidays” [Page: A2]

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“If you could make one day of the year a paid holiday which isn’t one now, which one would you pick and why? And how do you think we should celebrate this new holiday?”

2014-05-26 - “Question Time - Summer reading 2014” [Page: A2]

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“What books on your summer reading list are you looking forward to this year?”

2014-06-09 - “Question Time - Best senior pranks ever” [Page: A3]

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“When you were graduating high school, did your class pull a senior prank? If so, what was it and how well did it work? If not, did you hear of any other older or younger students pulling a final stunt?”

2014-06-16 - “Question Time - New languages” [Page: A3]

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“If you had the power to instantly, completely learn only one language you don’t already know, which one would you pick, and why?”

2014-06-23 - “Question Time - Ideal pets [Page: A3]

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“What is one type of pet you’ve always wanted to have, but have never been able to? Why?”

2014-06-30 - “Question Time - Thumbs out on the road” [Page: A2]

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“Have you ever been a hitchhiker or picked up a hitchhiker before? Why or why not? If so, would you do it again? Why or why not?”

2014-07-07 - "Question Time - Time for a new national anthem?" [Page: A3]

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"If you had to pick a replacement for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' as our national anthem, what song would you pick and why?"

2014-08-11 - "Question Time - Marrying outside one's faith" [Page: A3, promo on A1]

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"Could you ever be married to someone of a different religious faith? Why or why not? If you are in fact in such a situation now, how do you make it work? What are the advantages? Disadvantages?"

2014-08-18 - "Question Time - What to do about Iraq?" [Page: A3]

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"At this point, what, if anything, should we do about Iraq? Why?"

2014-08-24 - "Question Time - Cops with cameras" [Page: A2]

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"Do you think police officers should have to wear cameras on their uniforms? Why or why not?"

2014-09-01 - "Question Time - Kids with guns" [Page: A3, promo on A1]

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"If it were up to you, would you institute a minimum age for children to be able to handle firearms? Why or why not? If yes, what age would it be and why?"

2014-09-08 - "Question Time - Look out, here comes fall" [Page: A3]

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"What are you looking forward to the most about fall? Why?"

2014-09-15 - "Question Time - Excited about new Apple products?" [Page: A3]

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"On Tuesday, Apple quietly retired iPod Classic, and introduced the Apple Watch, iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus. How excited are you about any or all of these and why? Will you be purchasing any of these new products? Why or why not?"

2014-09-22 - "Question Time - What is the future of the NFL?" [Page: A3]

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"What do you think professional football will look like in 25 years? Why?"

2014-09-29 - "Question Time - Do you support corporal punishment" [Page: A3, promo on A1]

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"Do you support corporal punishment? Did your parents use it? Do you use it with your own children? Why or why not? When does it cross the line into child abuse?"

2014-10-06 - "Question Time - Halloween costumes" [Page: A2]

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"What is your Halloween costume for this year going to be?"

2014-10-13 - "Question Time - Cheap, reliable passenger rail" [Page: A6]

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New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-cheap-reliable-passenger-rail/article_efc77cda-5263-11e4-91f8-8fa49eb6af41.html?mode=print

"If cheap, reliable passenger rail service was available between all major cities in the country would you use it? Why or why not? Should government spend more money to make this a reality? Why or why not?"

2014-10-20 - "Question Time - Kids charged as adults" [Page: A2, promo on A1]

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"What age, if any, should be the minimum to try someone in court as an adult? Why?"

2014-10-27 - "Question Time - Worst Halloween candy?" [Page: A2]

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"In your opinion, what is the worst Halloween candy? Why?"

2014-10-31 - "Question Time - Best Halloween candy" [Page: A2]

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"In your opinion, what is the best Halloween candy? Why?"

2014-11-10 - "Question Time - True bipartisanship" [Page: A8]

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"If your son or daughter wanted to marry someone of a different political persuasion than you, how would you react? Why?"

2014-11-17 - "Question Time - Black Friday seeps into Thanksgiving" [Page: A2]

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“At what time do you think they should open for the sales? Why?”

2014-11-24 - “Question Time - Inside activities for wintry weather” [Page: A3, promo on A1]

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“When you're stuck inside due to winter weather, how do you and your family spend your time together?”

2014-12-01 - “Question Time - Elf on the Shelf season begins” [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-elf-on-a-shelf-season-begins/article_928e2358-78dc-11e4-818c-6fbf9b99696b.html

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“Does your family have an Elf on the Shelf tradition? If so: How long have you been doing it? What kind of mischief has the elf caused? How do the members of your family feel about it? If not: Why not?”

2014-12-08 - “Question Time - Mixing sports and politics” [Page: A2]

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“In your opinion should professional athletes ever make political statements on the job? Why or why not?”

2014-12-15 - “Question Time - Gifts for Santa?” [Page: A3]

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“When you were a kid, did you leave anything out for Santa and/or his reindeer on Christmas Eve? Do your children do the same? If so, what did you leave and did Santa respond? If not, why not?”

2014-12-29 - "Question Time - Do you make New Year's resolutions?" [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-do-you-make-new-year-s-resolutions/article_61aa93a8-8ee3-11e4-885c-435570326229.html

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"Do you make New Year's resolutions? Why or why not? If you do, do you usually stick to them? How do you feel about your chances this year?"

2015-01-05 - "Question Time - Goodbye, 2014; hello, 2015" [Page: A3]

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"What were the highlights of 2014? What are you looking forward to about 2015?"

2015-01-12 - "Question Time - Two years of community college free?" [Page: A3]

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"What do you think of this plan? If you're against it, do you have an alternate plan?"

2015-01-19 - "Question Time - Who is ready for a Cuban vacation" [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/question-time-who-is-ready-for-a-cuban-vacation/article_d91450fa-9f6e-11e4-8f53-07648323c8df.html

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"What do you think of our new stance on Cuba? Would you visit Cuba now if you had the opportunity?"

2015-01-25 - "Question Time - Cuban vacation - Part II" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-cuban-vacation-part-ii/article_e35b6f44-a40f-11e4-87c2-37605d7c3e0b.html

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In last week's edition of Question Time, we discussed the recently proposed dissolution of the United States' decades-old embargo of Cuba. After it was published, I received the following letter from a local reader with a fair amount of experience with the topic.

2015-02-01 - "Question Time - Super Bowl picks 2015" [Page: A6]

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"Who do you think will win the Super Bowl this year? Why? Side question: Do you think the Patriots should be disqualified and instead have the Colts play due to the deflated footballs scandal? Why or why not?"

2015-02-08 - "Question Time - New Harper Lee novel" [Page: A2]

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"What was your reaction to this news?"

2015-02-14 - "Question Time - Best Valentine's Day gifts" [Page: A2]

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New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-best-valentine-s-day-gifts/article_3f58a3d0-b3d2-11e4-81bc-5f2007de1de5.html?mode=print

"What was the best Valentine's Day gift you ever received? Why?"

2015-02-22 - "Question Time - Giving up something for Lent" [Page: A12]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-giving-up-something-for-lent/article_1c810a20-ba24-11e4-b95c-f731ce3e7833.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-giving-up-something-for-lent/article_1c810a20-ba24-11e4-b95c-f731ce3e7833.html?mode=print

"Are you giving up anything for Lent this year? Taking something on instead? Why or why not?"

2015-03-01 - "Question Time - Who should run for governor in 2016?" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-who-should-run-for-governor-in/article_b080b7a2-bfa6-11e4-a4b2-df96a6e61d17.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-who-should-run-for-governor-in/article_b080b7a2-bfa6-11e4-a4b2-df96a6e61d17.html?mode=print

"Of all the eligible candidates, who would you pick to run for Indiana governor in 2016? Why?"

2015-03-08 - "Question Time - \$1,000 to invest today" [Page: A7]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-to-invest-today/article_219735e6-c39a-11e4-a6e5-4319eb24dbd6.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-to-invest-today/article_219735e6-c39a-11e4-a6e5-4319eb24dbd6.html?mode=print

"Say you're given \$1,000 today, with only one string attached: You can't buy anything with it, you can only invest it. What do you invest in? Why?"

2015-03-15 - "Question Time - Are you ready for wearable computers" [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/question-time-are-you-ready-for-wearable-computers/article_910dad8c-c9db-11e4-b536-f3dbcf72971f.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/question-time-are-you-ready-for-wearable-computers/article_910dad8c-c9db-11e4-b536-f3dbcf72971f.html?mode=print

"Would you ever strap a wearable computer, like the Apple Watch, to your body? Why or why not?"

2015-03-22 - "Question Time - Is it time to ban the box" [Page: A6]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-is-it-time-to-ban-the-box/article_d45b72d0-ce96-11e4-8742-43a1f7aef845.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-is-it-time-to-ban-the-box/article_d45b72d0-ce96-11e4-8742-43a1f7aef845.html?mode=print

"Last month, Republican Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal signed an executive order which bars job seekers from being forced to disclose prior criminal convictions on their initial applications. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?"

2015-03-29 - "Question Time - Children going Greek?" [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-children-going-greek/article_5c2c9e94-d59c-11e4-b7cb-1ba8dcd21eeb.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-children-going-greek/article_5c2c9e94-d59c-11e4-b7cb-1ba8dcd21eeb.html?mode=print

"Say you have a son or daughter who is a college freshman and they call you to say they're thinking of joining a fraternity or sorority. What do you say in response? Why?"

2015-04-05 - "Question Time - Easter dinner menu" [Page: A12]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-easter-dinner-menu/article_aa361f12-db22-11e4-b5f9-ff39b0ace242.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-easter-dinner-menu/article_aa361f12-db22-11e4-b5f9-ff39b0ace242.html?mode=print

"What's on the menu at your house for Easter dinner?"

2015-04-12 - "Question Time - Multi-level marketing opinions" [Page: A14]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-multi-level-marketing-opinions/article_d3cadbf0-e096-11e4-b1d8-0fa31de345ea.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-multi-level-marketing-opinions/article_d3cadbf0-e096-11e4-b1d8-0fa31de345ea.html?mode=print

"Have you or any of your friends or family members been involved in a multi-level marketing company? What is your opinion of them?"

2015-04-19 - "Question Time - Alternate methods of taxation" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-alternate-methods-of-taxation/article_a88f60c0-e495-11e4-be7d-cfb80e58186b.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-alternate-methods-of-taxation/article_a88f60c0-e495-11e4-be7d-cfb80e58186b.html?mode=print

"If you were in charge, how would you go about collecting income tax? The same as now, or something else? Or none at all? Why?"

2015-04-26 - "Question Time - Should voting be made mandatory?" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-voting-be-made-mandatory/article_c8ddfd3e-ea10-11e4-9748-b350dfb678ee.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-voting-be-made-mandatory/article_c8ddfd3e-ea10-11e4-9748-b350dfb678ee.html?mode=print

"Should voting be mandatory? Why or why not?"

2015-05-03 - "Question Time - Should police officers be elected?" [Page: A12]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-police-officers-be-elected/article_1f80fc48-f12a-11e4-b9b3-7fda4eb8bf16.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-police-officers-be-elected/article_1f80fc48-f12a-11e4-b9b3-7fda4eb8bf16.html?mode=print

"Should police officers be elected like judges? Why or why not?"

2015-05-10 - "Question Time - Should there a right to be forgotten?" [Page: A9]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-there-a-right-to-be-forgotten/article_591811ee-f5df-11e4-bd89-978d5c902370.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-there-a-right-to-be-forgotten/article_591811ee-f5df-11e4-bd89-978d5c902370.html?mode=print

"Both the European Union and Argentina have instituted a so-called "Right to be forgotten" policy. This allows people to ask search engines like Google to remove search results which link to embarrassing, true information such as news stories about past crimes. Do you think this policy is a good idea? Why or why not?"

2015-05-24 - "Question Time - Who will win the 2015 Indianapolis 500?" [Page: A12]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-who-will-win-the-indianapolis/article_7b9a3156-01a2-11e5-9452-4763a8a6eb99.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-who-will-win-the-indianapolis/article_7b9a3156-01a2-11e5-9452-4763a8a6eb99.html?mode=print

"Who do you think will win the Indianapolis 500? Why?"

2015-05-31 - "Question Time - Immortality through computers" [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-immortality-through-computers/article_4eb8e214-071e-11e5-a2e2-4b96744ee0aa.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-immortality-through-computers/article_4eb8e214-071e-11e5-a2e2-4b96744ee0aa.html?mode=print

"If it were possible, would you transfer your consciousness to a computer? Why or why not?"

2015-06-14 - "Question Time - Discrimination against prospective adoptive parents?" [Page: C4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-discrimination-against-prospective-adoptive-parents/article_c1f3b8c0-1165-11e5-9c6a-17599dc0c2.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-discrimination-against-prospective-adoptive-parents/article_c1f3b8c0-1165-11e5-9c6a-17599dc0c2.html?mode=print

On Thursday, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signed a controversial piece of legislation which will have major implications for those wishing to adopt in that state. "The ACLU is already looking at options to challenge laws, signed Gov. Snyder Thursday, that will allow faith-based adoption agencies in Michigan to refuse to serve prospective parents, like same-sex or unmarried couples, if doing so would violate the agencies' religious beliefs," reported Kathleen Gray of the Detroit Free Press on Thursday. "The decision came after the bill was placed on the Senate's agenda at the last minute — and with no notice Wednesday — passed and quickly concurred in by the House of Representatives." So, we wanted to know: "What do you think of this legislation? Why?"

2015-06-28 - "Question Time - Hawaii raises smoking age to 21" [Page: A8]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-hawaii-raises-smoking-age-to/article_1693f432-1b96-11e5-bd38-6b4aaaa60d31.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-hawaii-raises-smoking-age-to/article_1693f432-1b96-11e5-bd38-6b4aaaa60d31.html?mode=print

The legal age for purchasing of tobacco products is currently 18 in all 50 states. But, late last week, Hawaii changed all that.

2015-07-04 - "Question Time - Favorite Independence Day memories" [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-favorite-independence-day-memories/article_c0bf618c-21cf-11e5-a2f4-a758ff1a34d3.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-favorite-independence-day-memories/article_c0bf618c-21cf-11e5-a2f4-a758ff1a34d3.html?mode=print

"What is your favorite July 4 memory?"

2015-07-12 - "Question Time - Getting money out of politics" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-getting-money-out-of-politics/article_e204f048-2826-11e5-9073-2fd488c69dc6.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-getting-money-out-of-politics/article_e204f048-2826-11e5-9073-2fd488c69dc6.html?mode=print

"Do you think there should be a constitutional amendment to end corporate personhood and institute publicly-funded elections? Why or why not?"

2015-07-20 - "Question Time - Worst advice you've ever been given" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-worst-advice-you-ve-ever-been-given/article_2019b87a-2e65-11e5-bf68-f374854825e7.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-worst-advice-you-ve-ever-been-given/article_2019b87a-2e65-11e5-bf68-f374854825e7.html?mode=print

"What is the worst advice you've ever been given? Who gave it to you? Why was it the worst?"

2015-07-26 - "Question Time - How many candidates on stage at once?" [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-how-many-candidates-on-stage-at-once/article_04e61d8e-325a-11e5-b475-671bab10fde5.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-how-many-candidates-on-stage-at-once/article_04e61d8e-325a-11e5-b475-671bab10fde5.html?mode=print

"Do you think this is a good idea, or should all 16 candidates be allowed on stage? Why?"

2015-08-02 - "Question Time - Punishment for Cecil the lion's killer" [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-punishment-for-cecil-the-lion-s-killer/article_7ba02918-37de-11e5-8239-779c9a2c0351.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-punishment-for-cecil-the-lion-s-killer/article_7ba02918-37de-11e5-8239-779c9a2c0351.html?mode=print

"Do you support this? Why? If not, what punishment, if any, should he face?"

2015-08-10 - "Question Time - Ohio prosecutors charge 'John Does' for rape" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-ohio-prosecutors-charge-john-does-for-rape/article_f3256e12-3edc-11e5-834e-b3eafca39ad6.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-ohio-prosecutors-charge-john-does-for-rape/article_f3256e12-3edc-11e5-834e-b3eafca39ad6.html?mode=print

"Should there be a statute of limitations for rape prosecutions? If so, what should it be and why? If not, why? Do you think prosecutors should be able to indict someone's DNA in hopes of making a connection later in order to get around the statute of limitations? Why or why not?"

2015-08-16 - "Question Time - No phone while driving under 21" [Page: A8]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-no-phone-while-driving-under/article_752a4548-4394-11e5-b25d-6391555ce70f.html

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"What do you think of these laws? Do you support this type of enforcement? Why or why not?"

2015-08-23 - "Question Time - Mandatory lawn mowing?"
[Page: A8]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-mandatory-lawn-mowing/article_b9b74c26-4860-11e5-881a-478bf013af07.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-mandatory-lawn-mowing/article_b9b74c26-4860-11e5-881a-478bf013af07.html?mode=print

"Do you think this should be a crime? Why or why not?"

2015-08-31 - "Question Time - Armed police drones?"
[Page: A6]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-armed-police-drones/article_adfc9a10-4f5b-11e5-8f14-17ae64911d57.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-armed-police-drones/article_adfc9a10-4f5b-11e5-8f14-17ae64911d57.html?mode=print

"Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?"

2015-09-06 - "Question Time - Liability insurance for gun buyers?" **[Page: A5]**

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-liability-insurance-for-gun-buyers/article_2f7b4572-5412-11e5-bba7-77a463637d15.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-liability-insurance-for-gun-buyers/article_2f7b4572-5412-11e5-bba7-77a463637d15.html?mode=print

"What do you think of this idea? Why?"

2015-10-05 - "Question Time - Yelp, but for humans"
[Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-yelp-but-for-humans/article_a5ab88da-6a27-11e5-aed5-2394c2db39bb.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-yelp-but-for-humans/article_a5ab88da-6a27-11e5-aed5-2394c2db39bb.html?mode=print

"What do you think of this service and why?"

2015-10-12 - "Question Time - Naming killers?" **[Page: A2]**

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-naming-killers/article_74f7f2ec-7052-11e5-bcea-c770fd981cdc.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-naming-killers/article_74f7f2ec-7052-11e5-bcea-c770fd981cdc.html?mode=print

“After a mass shooting, do you think news organizations should refrain from reporting the suspect's name? Why or why not?”

2015-11-01 - “Question Time - Should we adopt metric system?” [Page: D2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-we-adopt-metric-system/article_ddba64e0-7f52-11e5-8bea-333870f537ef.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-we-adopt-metric-system/article_ddba64e0-7f52-11e5-8bea-333870f537ef.html?mode=print

“Should the U.S. convert to the metric system? Why or why not?”

2015-11-09 - “Question Time - Military spending cuts?” [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-military-spending-cuts/article_833fc01e-8673-11e5-84dc-03e23fa34484.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-military-spending-cuts/article_833fc01e-8673-11e5-84dc-03e23fa34484.html?mode=print

“Do you think there is any part of the military's budget that could be trimmed? If so, what would it be and why? If not, why not?”

2015-11-16 - “Question Time - Worst Thanksgiving dishes?” [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-worst-thanksgiving-dishes/article_6943213c-8bec-11e5-bb66-133b4baf01db.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-worst-thanksgiving-dishes/article_6943213c-8bec-11e5-bb66-133b4baf01db.html?mode=print

“What is your least favorite Thanksgiving dish and why?”

2015-11-30 - “Question Time - What do you want for Christmas?” [Page: A6]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-what-do-you-want-for-christmas/article_aa831212-96f3-11e5-ba03-17bbc4f49721.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-what-do-you-want-for-christmas/article_aa831212-96f3-11e5-ba03-17bbc4f49721.html?mode=print

"What do you want for Christmas and why?"

2015-12-14 - "Question Time - Talking to children about Santa" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-talking-to-children-about-santa/article_78431afc-a1fe-11e5-99df-67a2d976e885.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-talking-to-children-about-santa/article_78431afc-a1fe-11e5-99df-67a2d976e885.html?mode=print

"What did your parents tell you about Santa? What do/did/will/would you tell your children about Santa? What would you hope your children tell their children about Santa? Explain the reasoning behind each."

2015-12-25 - "Question Time - Hoosiers buying booze on Christmas?" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-hoosiers-buying-booze-on-christmas/article_c7824efe-aa77-11e5-b16b-3f043385e9e4.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-hoosiers-buying-booze-on-christmas/article_c7824efe-aa77-11e5-b16b-3f043385e9e4.html?mode=print

"What do you think of this change?"

2016-01-01 - "Question Time - Looking forward to 2016" [Page: A2]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/question-time-looking-forward-to/article_b9bdddc6-b01f-11e5-88a1-efc11cb69bec.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/question-time-looking-forward-to/article_b9bdddc6-b01f-11e5-88a1-efc11cb69bec.html?mode=print

"What are you looking forward to the most about 2016?"

2016-01-18 - "Question Time - Should we explore smart guns?" [Page: A3]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-we-explore-smart-guns/article_f1e04084-bcb5-11e5-842d-3bafbca22239.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-should-we-explore-smart-guns/article_f1e04084-bcb5-11e5-842d-3bafbca22239.html?mode=print

"What do you think of this technology?"

2016-01-25 - "Question Time - Naming lottery winners" [Page: A2]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/local_news/question-time-naming-lottery-winners/article_4da2a538-c2f6-11e5-a8e9-6fa965a1a182.html

"Should Indiana join these five states in allowing lottery winners to remain anonymous? Why or why not?"

2016-02-01 - "Question Time - Tax-free diapers, feminine hygiene" [Page: A3]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-tax-free-diapers-feminine-hygiene/article_7ee70f4c-c884-11e5-bb6d-8335820f0bff.html

"Do you support this proposal? Why or why not?"

2016-02-07 - "Question Time - Super Bowl 50 picks" [Page: A3]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-super-bowl-picks/article_5a8321aa-cd2e-11e5-aebd-436b1e623e95.html

"Super Bowl: Carolina Panthers or Denver Broncos? Who do you have winning, and why?"

2016-03-07 - "Question Time - Women in the draft?" [Page: A3, promo on A1]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-women-in-the-draft/article_1890b864-e3fb-11e5-84a0-4325b5e7811e.html

"Should women also be required to register for the draft? Why or why not?"

2016-03-14 - "Question Time - SCOTUS term limits?" [Page: A2]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-scotus-term-limits/article_69017b56-e970-11e5-9795-a7bd09fc564d.html

"Should Supreme Court justices have term limits instead of being appointed for life? Why or why not?"

2016-02-22 - "Question Time - Apple vs. FBI in phone fight" [Page: A3]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-apple-vs-fbi-in-phone-fight/article_0a504928-d8f1-11e5-8725-fffcf8249be8.html

“Do you think Apple should comply? Why or why not?”

2016-03-28 - “Question Time - No one under 6 at R-rated movies?” [Page: A2]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/question-time-no-one-under-at-r-rated-movies/article_804cafb2-f46d-11e5-985d-5fd768f00d34.html

"Should children under 6 years old be banned from R-rated movies, even if they're accompanied by an adult? Why or why not?"

House of Burgess

2012-04-25 - “House of Burgess: Hologram Tupac Cometh” [Page: A7]

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A hologram of rapper Tupac Amaru Shakur performed two songs, “Hail Mary” and “2 of Amerikaz Most Wanted,” with Snoop Dogg during Dr. Dre’s set on April 15 at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. In case you forgot, Shakur was shot four times on Sept. 7, 1996, in Las Vegas, dying six days later.

2012-05-02 - “House of Burgess: The continuing saga of Seamus Romney” [Page: A9]

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The wife of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney told ABC's Diane Sawyer on April 16 that their dog "loved" riding on the roof of their vehicle.

**2012-05-09 - "House of Burgess: Turning 29 on the 29th"
(Byline misspelled in print edition) [Page: A9]**

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When you're a child, every birthday is a special occasion. Nearly every age brings new rights and privileges. After you turn 21, though, the chances for significant birthday milestones certainly goes downhill.

2012-05-23 - "House of Burgess: Facebook wants your body parts" [Page: A7]

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On May 1, Facebook announced it had finally come for your organs. Well, not exactly, but it does want to know if you'd be willing to donate them post mortem.

2012-05-30 - "House of Burgess: RIP MCA: 'It's called gratitude'" [Page: A7]

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On May 4, I felt like one of my childhood friends died. When I heard that Adam Nathaniel “MCA” Yauch, bassist and MC of the legendary New York City-based band the Beastie Boys, had passed away after a three-year battle against cancer of the salivary gland at the age of 47, a piece of my innocence left with him.

2012-06-06 - “House of Burgess: The supposedly edible arranged marriage” [Page: A7]

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In high school, I ate fast food pretty much every day. These days, my wife, Ash, and I eat organic, natural foods. But I’ve also been known to demolish a full-sized bag of chips in one sitting. So, on March 8, when Taco Bell officially unleashed the Doritos Tacos Locos on the world, I knew I eventually had to try it.

2012-06-13 - “House of Burgess: Zombies or rise of the quislings?” [Page: A9]

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In a May 31 email to the Huffington Post, David Daigle, spokesperson for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, officially denied the existence of zombies.

2012-06-20 - "House of Burgess: No rest for the dead anymore" [Page: A9]

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I really wanted to wait longer than this to write this column. When my piece "Hologram Tupac Cometh," dropped on April 25, I thought I could stand to wait at least 90 days to file a follow-up. But just like Al Pacino (who I'm sure will be a hologram himself in due time) said in "The Godfather Part III," "just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in."

2012-06-27 - "House of Burgess: The limits of freedom" [Page: A7]

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I'm a big, fat hypocrite. I was reminded of this fact after hearing about a series of varied social controls put into place by local municipalities over the course of the last few weeks.

2012-07-04 - "House of Burgess - Of compulsion, Communism and copyrights" [Page: A11] (Published in print edition without "House of Burgess" logo in different spot, also referred to as "Local Columnist" instead of "Tribune Columnist")

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I was standing on the sidewalk by my apartment when I knew July 4 was just around the corner. I ascertained this because out of the corner of my eye I saw the brown sedan slow to a crawl beside me. I felt the handful of bang snaps thrown from it hit my pant legs as the car sped away.

2012-07-18 - "House of Burgess - The Internet becomes sentient" [Page: A7]

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Something controversial happened recently in the world of comedy that's worth examining. For my purposes, the content of the discussion is less interesting than the way it was propagated.

2012-07-25 - "House of Burgess: Open letter to a murderer" [Page: A7]

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When you were apprehended July 20 outside the Aurora, Colo.. movie theater after shooting 71 people 10 minutes into the first showing of "The Dark Knight Returns," you told authorities that you were "The Joker."

2012-08-01 - "House of Burgess: Let's get unconventional" [Page: A7]

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I have an election year request, nay, plea for the two major political parties this time around. For the sake everything that's sacred about this country, I beg you: skip the conventions.

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On July 31, Snoop Dogg called a press conference to announce he had officially changed his name to Snoop Lion, eschewing rap for reggae.

2012-08-15 - "House of Burgess: Fred Phelps' marketing lesson" [Page: A9]

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A sadly necessary piece of legislation was signed Aug. 6, when President Barack Obama made the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 the law. Among other provisions, it added new restrictions for protesting military funerals.

2012-08-22 - "House of Burgess: Journalism's new crime lab" [Page: A7]

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Here lately, if rain were caused by violations of journalistic ethics, the sky would be crying.

2012-08-29 - "House of Burgess: The machine rages against itself" [Page: A7]

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Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis., 1st District), presumptive 2012 Republican vice-presidential candidate, is apparently "a bit of a metalhead, with a taste for [bands like] Led Zeppelin [and] Metallica," according to The Nation's John Nichols. A New York Times piece listed Rage Against the Machine "among [Ryan's] favorite bands."

2012-09-05 - "House of Burgess: The president who wasn't there" [Page: A7]

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I was determined to ignore both the Republican and Democratic national conventions this election cycle. By and large, they are nothing more than loud, high-powered infomercials. But Aug. 30, actor, director and former mayor of Carmel-By-The-Sea, Calif., Clint Eastwood, forced my hand.

2012-09-12 - "House of Burgess: Guide to social media 2012"
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Social media basically rules communication for most Americans in 2012. It is the only thing that is real to some people. Being ignorant any longer is not advisable.

2012-09-19 - "House of Burgess: Come out wherever you are"
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Jamie Kuntz, 18, freshman linebacker at the North Dakota State College of Sciences, was dismissed from his team earlier this month after stealing a kiss on the sidelines from his 65-year-old boyfriend. Coach Chuck Parsons said the fact that Kuntz lied about the embrace, initially saying it was his grandfather, was the cause for the termination.

2012-09-26 - "House of Burgess: Quit while you're ahead"
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Cecilia Giménez has had quite a year. The 81-year-old is an amateur painter and resident of Borja, a town in the province of Zaragoza, community of Aragon, north-eastern Spain. According to Giménez, she approached the priest at the town's Sanctuary of Mercy church with a request. One of the church's frescos, a 19th century mural called "Ecce Homo" ("Behold the Man") by Elías García Martínez, had fallen into disrepair due to moisture damage. The octogenarian said she asked for and received permission to restore the painting, which depicted Jesus adorned with a crown of thorns.

2012-10-03 - "House of Burgess: Democracy? That's debatable." [Page: A7]

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Tonight, virtually the only substantive portion of our never-ending presidential election cycle kicks off at Magness Arena at the University of Denver in Colorado. The event, hosted by the Commission on Presidential Debates, will be the first of three televised match-ups between Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. What won't be featured are the candidates of any other party.

2012-10-10 - "House of Burgess: Insignificant office, significant debate" [Page: A9]

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After watching last week's presidential debate, even the most hardcore political junkies can be excused for thinking: "Is this what it has come to?"

2012-10-17 - “House of Burgess: Laughing in death’s face”

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Turns out, sometimes things live up to their hype. On Aug. 4, I began hearing reports that comedian Tig Notaro had laid down an amazing set the night before at the Los Angeles nightclub Largo at the Coronet.

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Thirteen days from today, voters across the country will head to the polls to select our next president — kind of.

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There are just six days left until Election Day. Most voters will either vote for Mitt Romney or Barack Obama for president. The problem with these choices is that there is no indication which version of these candidates you're being asked to vote for.

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I remember Nov. 4, 2008, quite clearly.

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Eight days ago, Americans went to the polls and re-elected President Barack Obama. But for those who didn't help Obama win a second term, this news caused some fairly bizarre reactions. In fact, some conservatives were ready to take immediate, drastic action.

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Tomorrow is one my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. The day after tomorrow used to be one of my favorite holidays, Black Friday.

2012-11-28 - “House of Burgess - Put politicians on food stamps” [Page: A4]

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Every mayor, governor, senator and representative in the country, regardless of political affiliation, should be forced eat a food stamp diet for a week, or longer.

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By last Wednesday afternoon, the majority of the adults with whom I interacted had procured at least one Powerball lottery ticket. The \$587.5 million jackpot was the highest ever for the Powerball, and I certainly had my \$2 ticket.

2012-12-12 - “House of Burgess - Keeping the holiday holy” [Page: A4]

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Sleigh bells are ringing. Snow is glistening. Can you feel it? The War on Christmas is here.

2012-12-19 - “House of Burgess - Don’t worry America; your guns are safe” [Page: A4]

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Friday saw a pair of horrific attacks perpetrated by young men on elementary school students living in villages, but with two distinctly different outcomes.

2012-12-26 - “House of Burgess - The Best of 2012 Awards” [Page: A4]

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The run up to the holidays is always a mad dash, and this year was certainly no exception. However, the news generally slows to a trickle

during this special time between Christmas and New Year's Day, hence the preponderance of rehashed "best of" lists like this one.

2013-01-02 - "House of Burgess - The year the world doesn't end" [Page: A4]

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We are now officially two days into 2013, and the world has not, as of this writing, ended.

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Effective Dec. 21, 2012, workers in the state of Iowa can be legally fired by their employer for being too attractive.

2013-01-16 - "House of Burgess - Is this the real life?" [Page: A4]

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In the days and weeks after the Dec. 14 tragedy in Newtown, Conn., where 28 human beings were slaughtered by firearms, we as a nation held a serious, adult debate about the future of guns in America. Of course, I'm kidding. Actually, the country lost its collective mind.

2013-01-23 - "House of Burgess - Most depressing day of the year" [Page: A4]

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Lore has it that the Monday of the last full week in January is Blue Monday: the most depressing day of the year.

2013-01-30 - "House of Burgess - Success is the sweetest revenge of all" [Page: A4]

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My list of personal heroes now has a new entry: singer/songwriter Jonathan Coulton. I have always enjoyed his skewed take on geeky folk rock, but his latest move just put him over the top.

2013-02-06 - "House of Burgess - No soldier or veteran left behind" [Page A4]

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On Jan. 24, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the Pentagon was lifting its ban on women in combat roles. While momentous, this about-face in policy will not take place immediately.

2013-02-13 - "House of Burgess - The artwork of George W. Bush" [Page: A4]

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Last Wednesday, when I started pondering what I'd write about in this week's column, I never would have dreamed I would be seriously pondering the artistic output of President George W. Bush. That all changed Thursday when The Smoking Gun reported a hacker called "Guccifer" had infiltrated several email accounts connected to the Bush family.

2013-02-20 - "House of Burgess - Hey, liars, stop writing now" [Page: A4]

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Last August, I wrote a column called “Journalism’s new crime lab” in which I outlined the misdeeds of several less-than-truthful writers including Mike Daisey and Jonah Lehrer. In that piece I wondered why modern journalists would risk plagiarizing when things like Google exist. For Daisey and Lehrer, the answer seems to be: Because even when caught red-handed, the embarrassment itself can become fodder for future projects.

2013-02-27 - “House of Burgess - ‘Black history is American history” [Page: A4]

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On Dec. 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted, officially outlawing slavery. It was the first of three so-called Reconstruction Amendments following the Civil War. Of the then 36 states, 27 ratified the amendment in 1865.

2013-03-06 - “House of Burgess - Limestone Comedy Festival guide” [Page: A4]

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I can tell you this with a straight face and as an objective journalist: if you were to list the hands-down funniest comedians working today, the four announced headliners of the inaugural Limestone Comedy Festival would absolutely be in the conversation.

2013-03-13 - “House of Burgess - Mr. Rodman goes to Pyongyang” [Page: A4]

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On March 3, George Stephanopoulos, host of ABC's "This Week," conducted one of the most staggering interviews I've ever seen. The subject was former basketball player Dennis Rodman and the occasion was his recent visit to North Korea with Vice Media to host basketball exhibitions and to meet with Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un.

2013-03-20 - "House of Burgess - Rodman visit puzzles Koreans" [Page: A4]

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Like several of my readers, I had additional questions after I filed last week's column, "Mr. Rodman goes to Pyongyang."

2013-03-27 - "House of Burgess - Dubya can repaint his legacy" [Page: A4]

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In my Feb. 15 column, "The artwork of George W. Bush," I wrote about the artistic endeavors of our 43rd president. Several of his

paintings were revealed to The Smoking Gun by the hacker "Gussifer." My capsule review of the paintings: striking.

2013-04-03 - "House of Burgess - Marriage equality goes viral"

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My Facebook news feed turned bright red last week. That's because the Human Rights Campaign's crimson "equal sign" spread like a grass fire as the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in two landmark same-sex marriage cases March 26 and 27.

2013-04-10 - "House of Burgess - Ebert, in his own words"

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I knew this was coming, but it doesn't make it any easier. On Thursday, one of my favorite writers, Roger Ebert, died at age 70.

2013-04-17 - "House of Burgess - Believe; it may be law soon"

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Earlier this month, a stupid and dangerous piece of legislation was introduced to and subsequently expelled from the North Carolina General Assembly. The bill was presented April 1 by primary sponsors Reps. Carl Ford, R-China Grove, and Harry Warren, R-Salisbury. If passed, the bill would have allowed lawmakers in the Tar Heel State to establish a state religion.

2013-04-24 - "House of Burgess - Read him his rights, already" [Page: A4]

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"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you. Do you understand the rights I have just read to you? With these rights in mind, do you wish to speak to me?" Those are the words Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev did not hear Friday night when he was taken into custody.

2013-05-01 - "House of Burgess - Wait, how did you get back in?" [Page: A4]

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Recently, two politicians I never thought would be heard from again have resurfaced. Both have taken advantage of the inability of incumbents to seek re-election in their respective districts. And they both provide interesting case studies in life after political death.

2013-05-08 - “House of Burgess - Committing virtual identity suicide” [Page: A4]

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I joined Facebook Sept. 22, 2004. That was just seven months after Mark Zuckerberg and his cohorts created the site. Needless to say, it looked and felt much different back then.

2013-05-15 - “House of Burgess - The revolution will be printed” [Page: A5]

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When I was a child, I often wondered what technological advancements would shape our collective futures. (The personal jet pack and the flying car seemed like obvious choices.) But when I was tearing at the perforated edges of the continuous feed paper being loudly spat out of my family’s primitive dot matrix printer, I could

have never guessed I was actually staring into a much noisier version of a crystal ball.

2013-05-22 - “House of Burgess - Five arguments against impeachment” [Page: A4]

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Having lost the most recent election to Barack Obama, certain foes of the president looking for another chance at regime change have decided 2016 is too far away.

2013-05-29 - “House of Burgess - Ever want just to disappear?” [Page: A4]

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In February, I read a short news story that barely caught my attention. A relatively minor figure in the history of East Coast rap, Timothy “Tim Dog” Blair, had reportedly died at the age of 46 of a seizure connected to his diabetes.

2013-06-05 - “House of Burgess - Take a look at yourself first” [Page: A4]

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When we eschew our own values in pursuit of scoundrels, we degrade ourselves. This fact was brought into stunning relief due to the response to a developing scandal in Canada's largest city. It all began last month when a report was released regarding the head of Toronto's government.

2013-06-12 - "House of Burgess - Limestone Comedy Festival journal" [Page: A5]

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BLOOMINGTON — As I sat in the Buskirk-Chumley Theater on Thursday waiting for the opening show of the inaugural Limestone Comedy Festival, I reflected on my various connections to Bloomington. I was born less than a mile away in Bloomington Hospital. A few blocks in the opposite direction was the site of my higher education, Indiana University. And the last time I was in that particular building, my wife, Ash, and I were married on that very stage. I feel a certain ownership of this place. I sensed that same sort of possession in many of the audience members and 40-plus performers who took part in Indiana's first and only comedy festival.

2013-06-19 - "House of Burgess - War on Christmas, summer edition" [Page: A5]

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In the ever-darkening days at the end of each year — when Christmas songs begin to fill the air — a simple thought never fails to amuse me. It's the idea of the musicians behind those noises, and the conditions under which the songs were produced. Christmas music isn't generally recorded at Christmas. It just can't be. It wouldn't work. It has to be ready ahead of time. That has to mean while the band or artist in question is plugging away at, say, "Jingle Bell Rock" inside the recording studio, just outside their front door temperatures could easily be reaching triple digits. I was reminded of this personal joke a few days ago when I read about Texas Gov. Rick Perry's signing of the so-called "Merry Christmas" bill into law.

2013-06-26 - "House of Burgess - Long live Tony Soprano"
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On Jan. 10, 1999, television changed forever. I was a sophomore in high school. It was a Sunday night. I probably should have been asleep. Instead, I was in my room watching HBO.

2013-07-03 - "House of Burgess - SCOTUS giveth, then it taketh" [Page: A5]

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Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court issued four of the most consequential rulings in years as a final caper to its current term.

2013-07-10 - "House of Burgess - They might be taping" [Page: A4]

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I can tell you the exact date I knew I was being spied upon. It was six weeks after 9/11: Oct. 26, 2001. That was the day President George W. Bush signed the Patriot Act. Ever since then, I just have sort of been working under the assumption that every electronic move I make has been classified and potentially experienced by someone else.

2013-07-17 - "House of Burgess - Extreme exercises in empathy" [Page: A4]

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On July 8, anti-death penalty nonprofit group Reprieve released a shocking video on The Guardian's website. At the start of the clip, a warning explains "some viewers may find these images distressing." The title card fades as a new one appears. "There are currently 120 detainees on hunger strike in Guantanamo Bay," it reads. "Forty-four of them are being force-fed against their will. Yasiin Bey, better known as Mos Def, volunteered to undergo the procedure used on the detainees. This is what happened."

2013-07-24 - "House of Burgess - 'We made several mistakes'" [Page: A4]

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As it says on page A2 of every issue of the paper you hold in your hands, "The Kokomo Tribune strives for 100 percent accuracy, but when we make a mistake, our policy is to correct it promptly." We in the journalism game are only human.

2013-07-31 - "House of Burgess - Nobody wants to see that" [Page: A4]

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I never thought basic political reportage could be deemed not safe for work. But lately, when I walk to my vehicle at night, I'm halfway on the lookout for public servants in raincoats ready to jump out at me from every alley.

2013-08-08 - "House of Burgess - A People's History of Mitch Daniels" [Page: A4]

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On July 17, The Associated Press revealed via a Freedom of Information Act request a series of emails in which then-governor and current Purdue University President Mitch Daniels explicitly targeted Howard Zinn's classic book "A People's History of the United States" for deletion.

2013-08-15 - "House of Burgess - You are never, ever getting out" [Page: A4]

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On July 26, Ariel Castro pleaded guilty to 937 of the 977 charges against him in connection with the kidnappings of Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight in Cleveland. On Aug. 1, he was subsequently sentenced to life in prison, plus 1,000 years.

2013-08-21 - "House of Burgess - 'Seaver Fever' strikes Kokomo" [Page: A5]

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As it turned out, I only had the opportunity to ask Kirk Cameron one question Saturday, but I think I made it count.

2013-08-28 - "House of Burgess - A good woman without a gun" [Page: A5]

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Whatever Antoinette Tuff is being paid by DeKalb County School District, it's nowhere near enough. On Aug. 20, the Lithonia, Ga. bookkeeper single-handedly prevented what easily could have ended as a ghastly school shooting.

2013-09-04 - "House of Burgess - Peace prize for war president" [Page: A4]

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President Barack Obama's decision to ask for congressional approval to strike Syria last week raised a fair amount of throat-clearing from those who pointed to his 2009 Nobel Peace Prize.

2013-09-11 - "House of Burgess - Matthew Cordle 'killed a man'" [Page: A4]

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A wildly popular video confession, released last week on YouTube by nonprofit Because I Said I Would, had garnered more than 1.6 million views by Tuesday morning. The video clip's description informs the viewer it was recorded Aug. 27 and released Sept. 3. "I killed a man," says a distorted male voice over a black screen as the video begins. Low theatrical music begins to swell as a pixelated head shot appears on screen.

2013-09-18 - "House of Burgess - Read a banned book" [Page: A4]

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I felt a surge of righteous indignation July 17 when I first read the February 2010 emails sent by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels regarding Howard Zinn's classic book "A People's History of the United States."

2013-09-25 - "House of Burgess - Obama turns hawks to doves" [Page: A4]

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Over time, I have come to realize I am mostly a pacifist. It takes a lot to convince me any given war is worth fighting. As our country seems to constantly be pounding away somewhere, holding this worldview can get lonesome. So, imagine my surprise recently when a flood of conservative Republicans suddenly joined me.

2013-10-02 - "House of Burgess - Minimum wage a complete joke" [Page: A4]

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Last year, the National Low Income Housing Association produced a fascinating and disturbing map. Perhaps you've seen it. The representation showed the number of hours per week it would take a minimum-wage worker to afford a two-bedroom apartment in each state.

2013-10-09 - "House of Burgess - The dangers of the 'death spiral'" [Page: A4]

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At 5 a.m. Alaska Daylight Time Friday, the National Weather Service in Alaska released a forecast with a hidden message. On the surface it appeared to be your standard, technical weather chatter. But, if readers followed the first letter of each line of text down the left-hand side, they would discover hidden in mundane meteorological talk a cryptic plea: "P_L_E_A_S_E_P_A_Y_U_S".

2013-10-16 - "House of Burgess - Sailing right past Columbus Day" [Page: A4]

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Columbus Day was Monday. Did you celebrate? I sure didn't. You can't believe how much I didn't celebrate the life and work of one Cristoforo Colombo.

2013-10-23 - "House of Burgess - A Republican civil war's a-comin'" [Page: A4]

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It might seem counter-intuitive, but if traditional conservatives want to reclaim the Republican Party, they had better start thinking progressively. Radical action is required.

2013-10-30 - "House of Burgess - Turn back the clock on DST" [Page: A5]

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One day a few years ago, I was in the newsroom at the Ukiah Daily Journal in Ukiah, Calif., when I found out Daylight Saving Time would soon be upon us. I loudly complained about this fact.

2013-11-06 - “House of Burgess - The scoundrel update round-up” [Page: A4]

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Let this week’s column serve as an update round-up of five villains I didn’t feel like writing another column about individually.

2013-11-13 - “House of Burgess - For the last time, it's Flavor Aid” [Page: A4]

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Besides being insensitive, it’s incorrect: It was Flavor Aid, not Kool-Aid. Someone as greedy and sadistic as Jones would never serve his flock anything name brand.

2013-11-20 - “House of Burgess - Down the JFK rabbit hole” [Page: A4]

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The Umbrella Man. The Badge Man. The Black Dog Man. The Babushka Lady. The Three Tramps. The Magic Bullet. The Wink. The investigation into the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in Dallas — which turns 50 on Friday — carries with it its own specialized nomenclature, as research possibilities remain ever-increasing.

**2013-11-27 - “House of Burgess - 'You gotta give them hope'”
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Thirty-five years ago today, fellow supervisor, Dan White, shot and killed Mayor George Moscone and then Supervisor Harvey Milk in San Francisco City Hall.

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Any further lingering doubts about whether the free market has a conscience should have been answered by the state of Black Friday in 2013. Gigantic companies have invented an increasingly punishing capitalistic gauntlet pitting family traditions against pure greed.

2013-12-11 - “House of Burgess: Amazon’s flying delivery robots” [Page: A4]

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In a Dec. 1 “60 Minutes” piece on CBS — charitably labeled an Amazon.com “infomercial” by Slate’s Konstantin Kakeas Dec. 2 — CEO Jeff Bezos gave Charlie Rose an exclusive look at what’s next for the company, which had \$61 billion in revenue in 2012. “These are ‘octocopters,’” said Bezos near the end of the segment, as he showed a saucer-eyed Rose a table of “autonomous” black, toddler-sized contraptions. “These are effectively drones, but there’s no reason that they can’t be used as delivery vehicles.”

2013-12-18 - “House of Burgess - War on Christmas - winter edition” [Page: A4]

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With the Big Day only a week away and this coming Saturday the first day of winter, the time felt right for a follow-up to my June 19 column, "War on Christmas ... summer edition." The original piece was a response to Texas Gov. Rick Perry's June 13 signing of House Bill 308, the so-called "Merry Christmas" bill. "[The law protects] Christmas and other holiday celebrations in Texas public schools from legal challenges," according to The Associated Press. (If you don't see why this is problematic, see the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.) So, what exactly has changed in the last six months? A lot, as it turns out. For starters, it's being enforced just as I feared it would be. The bill's co-author, state Rep. Pat Fallo, R-Frisco, earlier this month charged the Gene and Ruby Nichols Elementary School in his hometown with violating the law.

2013-12-25 - "House of Burgess - Best of 2013 awards" [Page: A4]

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Since I did the same thing last December, I feel justified in calling this, my final column of 2013, the second annual Best of the Year awards. (If you ask me, there is no such thing as a "first annual" anything.) If you read something I wrote this year, including this: thank you. Earlier this month, I officially became an award-winning journalist when I won first place for Best General Commentary in the 2013 Hoosier State Press Association Foundation Better Newspaper Contest. I couldn't be prouder, but I also know I couldn't have done it without my readers. Consider this my Christmas present to you.

2014-01-01 - "House of Burgess - And why must I care?" [Page: A5]

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When I write my columns, I try my best to be as timely as possible. This is the first opportunity I've had to write about the recent "Duck Dynasty" controversy, and the whole thing is already over. The kerfuffle began Dec. 18 when A&E announced patriarch Phil Robertson's suspension in response to an upcoming article in the January issue of GQ by Drew Magary. "Start with homosexual behavior and just morph out from there: Bestiality, sleeping around with this woman and that woman and that woman and those men," read one choice Robertson quote.

2014-01-08 - "House of Burgess - I like your style, Pope" [Page: A4]

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It was New Year's Eve in the Carmelite community in Lucena, Spain, when the phone rang. And rang. Finally, it clicked over to voicemail. "What are the nuns doing that they can't answer?" said the jovial male voice on the other end. "I am Pope Francis, I wish to greet you in this end of the year, I will see if I can call you later. May God bless you!"

2014-01-15 - "House of Burgess - Shut the door, keep out the Devil" [Page: A4]

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I am not a Satanist, I don't worship the Devil and I'm about as disturbed as most Oklahomans probably are by the prospect of a

creepy Baphomet statue being erected on public land. I see the Satanists' point, though.

2014-01-22 - "House of Burgess - My name is my name" [Page: A4]

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Someone — or perhaps several someones — had hacked into the Target system and extracted enough personal information to recreate my debit card. They then took this phony plastic to several different ATMs.

2014-01-29 - "House of Burgess - In 140 characters or fewer" [Page: A4]

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I was ambivalent about Twitter from the beginning, to say the least. Lately, though, I've grown to like Twitter. Allow me to lay down the ground rules for how I think people should use it.

2014-02-05 - "House of Burgess - His weakness made him strong" [Page: A4]

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Philip Seymour Hoffman — one of the finest character actors ever — was found dead in his New York City apartment. He was only 46 years old.

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You couldn't pay me enough to be a LGBT person in Russia right now. Things weren't great before, but they got a whole lot worse when a series of anti-gay laws passed last year.

**2014-02-19 - “House of Burgess - Separating art from artist”
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I struggle with this every time I hear about a new project Woody Allen or Roman Polanski have released. I am filled with mixed emotions. And then, there's the question of the price of the ticket in some small way funding the person who created it.

2014-02-26 - “House of Burgess - Planet Comcast Time Warner Cable” [Page: A4]

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There has to be a more fitting word for what's about to happen in the telecommunications industry, but "oligopoly" is the only one I can come up with.

2014-03-05 - "House of Burgess - Like déjà vu all over again" [Page: A5]

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If those who oppose treating LGBT Americans as fellow human beings don't want continued correlations to be drawn between these two civil rights struggles, then they are the ones who need to stop working to create indistinguishable circumstances.

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How smart should someone be before we, as a society, may legally execute them? What metric should be used to determine their intelligence? Those and other uniformly disquieting questions were argued March 3 before the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Hall v. Florida.

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Like last year, I'm giving you an early look at the headliners for the Limestone Comedy Festival before General Admission (\$75) and Friday/Saturday Only (\$50) badges go on sale April 1.

2014-03-26 - "House of Burgess - Fred Phelps is dead, his church is alive" [Page: A4]

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For Westboro Baptist Church founder Fred Phelps, who died late March 19 at the ripe old age of 84, "Only the Good Die Young" was more than just a catchy Billy Joel song. The mere fact of his extended longevity seemed like a spirited defense of this very cliché.

2014-04-02 - "House of Burgess - Minimum wage is still a joke" [Page: A4]

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On Saturday, Vice President Joe Biden — filling in for traveling President Barack Obama — delivered the The White House's Weekly

Address. The remarks were revealingly titled, "Raise The Minimum Wage - It's The Right Thing To Do For Hardworking Americans."

2014-04-09 - "House of Burgess - If money is speech, poverty is silence" [Page: A9]

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In an electoral system awash in every assortment of corruption and moneyed influence, most of the U.S. Supreme Court justices surveyed the landscape and decided the only answer was: more money. The court announced its decision in the *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission* case April 2.

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On April 5, "The Art of Leadership: A President's Personal Diplomacy," opened at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University. The display, which runs through June 3, boasts "portraits of more than two dozen world leaders" painted by Bush, according to the official literature.

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In my career as a journalist I have served my time reporting on city council, county supervisor and state regulatory meetings, to name just a few. Whatever else they might have been, they weren't holy places. In the many, many hours I spent there I never felt the presence of anything that might be described as transcendent or spiritual. Perhaps this is part of why I have so much trouble understanding those who seek desperately to assign governmental powers to their religious beliefs. Why do they keep trying it?

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Until Thursday, I had never before crossed state lines to watch movies. But the chance to attend even one of the five days of the 16th annual Ebertfest: Roger Ebert's Film Festival was enough to propel my wife, Ash, and me two hours west to Champaign, Ill.

2014-05-07 - "House of Burgess - Our (lethal injection) drug problem" [Page: A4]

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America has a drug problem. Specifically, a lethal injection drug problem.

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If recent events are any indication, the idea of equal access to Internet services regardless of usage — aka “net neutrality” — may soon be but a memory.

2014-05-21 - “House of Burgess - Beware, folks, 'Life is offensive'” [Page: A4]

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Author’s note: This column contains several ideas, thoughts and opinions that might run contrary to your personal beliefs. There. You’ve been warned.

2014-05-28 - “House of Burgess - Life you save may be yours” [Page: A4]

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On Saturday, a broken man named Richard Martinez delivered a statement to the press on behalf of his family. The day before, his son, Christopher Michael-Martinez, 20, was shot in Isla Vista, California, by Elliot Rodger, 22.

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After last year's inaugural Limestone Comedy Festival in Bloomington, it was hard to imagine the sequel meeting the high standard of the first. It was clear from the first show Thursday at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, this year's celebration surpassed it in many ways.

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These two stories aren't examples of apostates to the cause in the slightest. I would classify them as True Believers, with impressive resumes to back them up. No, scarily enough, these are what pass for heretics in today's gun world. That is, at least, according to the ones who actually call the tune: gun makers and those who feel their

Chipotle Burrito Bowl just doesn't taste the same without an AK-47 by their side.

2014-06-18 - "House of Burgess - Texas GOP needs therapy"

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I find it highly unlikely Perry doesn't know his own state party's position on reparative therapy — the practice of which has been roundly discredited by the medical community. Perry and his ilk are delusional. If anyone needs psychological help, it's them.

2014-06-25 - "House of Burgess - 'The Case Against 8' a winner" [Page: A4]

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Monday "The Case Against 8," a documentary co-directed by Kokomo native Ben Cotner, premiered on HBO. Two days prior, I was lucky enough to be invited by Sarah Cotner, Ben's sister, to attend a special

screening of the film at Indiana University Kokomo's Kresge Auditorium.

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While the justices weighed their options inside the Supreme Court Building earlier this year, they enjoyed their own buffer zone. Their self-styled "bubble" extends 252 feet, all the way across the oval plaza across from the entrance. Thus, the justices have set two different standards: one for themselves and one for everyone else.

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Imagine you've just been arrested, and you have your smartphone with you. Think about all the personal information contained on that device. Now, are you comfortable with the arresting officer poking around your cellphone without just cause while you remain handcuffed? I wouldn't be, and, thankfully, neither would any of the sitting justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. On June 25, the high court voted 9-0 in favor of personal privacy in the case of Riley v. California.

2014-07-16 - "House of Burgess - Hobby Lobby's lobbying hobby" [Page: A4]

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Whilst hacking through the dense underbrush of emotional court battles, it's easy to miss the forest for the trees. This has proven especially true in the wake of the June 30 Supreme Court decision in the case of *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*. At issue were the religious objections of the Oklahoma City-based craft store chain's founder David Green and his family to Affordable Care Act-mandated employee coverage of emergency contraception (including Plan B and ella) and intrauterine devices (including ParaGard, Mirena and Skyla.) They believe them to be tantamount to abortion.

2014-07-23 - "House of Burgess - Bush, Clinton, next, please" [Page: A4]

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I am 31 years old. For 20 of those years — nearly two-thirds — the surname of the head of state has been either Bush or Clinton. During those remaining 11 years, five of those included H.W. Bush as vice president to President Ronald Reagan, and another four saw Hillary as secretary of state. In fact, only the 537 days in which John Kerry succeeded Clinton at the state department have featured an executive branch bereft of a Bush or Clinton in my lifetime.

2014-07-30 - "House of Burgess - Let's put lethal injection to sleep" [Page: A4]

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On July 22, the Supreme Court gave the go-ahead for the killing of Arizona death row inmate James R. Wood III, who had filed suit requesting a delay until the state revealed the details of the drugs that would be used to end his life. "The officials said they meant to use two chemicals, midazolam and hydromorphone, but they refused to identify the manufacturers or suppliers of the chemicals or to describe the qualifications of the personnel who were to administer them," reported Adam Liptak of The New York Times on July 22. The following day, Wood's worst fears of cruel and unusual execution were realized.

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It was just before 8:30 p.m. July 22, and visitors were enjoying Seattle's iconic Space Needle when it happened. "Space Needle security called police ... after several guests reported seeing a small drone buzz the top of the Needle, and possibly crash into an observation Deck window," wrote Jonah Spangenthal-Lee in a Seattle Police Department press release July 24. "Witnesses then saw the drone ... glide to a hotel two blocks east of the Needle, where it landed inside a fifth floor room."

2014-08-13 - "House of Burgess - RIP Robin Williams" [Page: A4]

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I was re-watching the 2006 movie “Little Miss Sunshine” Monday when I heard my phone buzz. After the credits had rolled, I looked at the screen and found myself shocked. It was a news alert that Robin Williams had died that morning at the age of 63 of an apparent suicide. (Creepily, I found out later the movie’s suicidal character, Frank, played by Steve Carell, was nearly played by Williams.)

2014-08-20 - “House of Burgess - First Amendment assault in Ferguson” [Page: A4]

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Of all the outrageous and disturbing story lines emanating from Ferguson, Missouri, since unarmed African-American teenager Michael Brown was shot by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9, the targeting of journalists during the ensuing protests ranks among the most troubling.

2014-08-27 - “House of Burgess - Canaries in Ferguson's coal mine” [Page: A4]

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All this is important because the treatment of those who wish to bear witness or make their voices heard is often a reliable indicator for conditions on the ground.

2014-09-03 - “House of Burgess - Honor James Foley’s memory” [Page: A4]

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Foley shouldn’t be remembered as a pawn in the Islamic State’s game. Foley dedicated his life to exposing the plight of ordinary human beings in the Middle East. He felt called to conflict reportage, leaving a career as an instructor with Teach For America in his 30s. He was an incredibly brave man who believed passionately in the importance of his work.

2014-09-10 - “House of Burgess - Google, Amazon drone worldwide” [Page: A4]

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So, what do these ambitious online empires do when faced with such strong opposition from local and national officials? The answer seems to involve moving operations across the Pacific Ocean to less-regulated jurisdictions.

2014-09-17 - “House of Burgess - Scots could disunite the kingdom” [Page: A5]

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On Thursday, more than 4 million Scottish voters age 16 and older will be asked to answer yes or no to a question hundreds of years in the making: “Should Scotland be an independent country?”

2014-09-24 - “House of Burgess - Scottish say, let's say together” [Page: A4]

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Here are five reasons I think Scots, and everyone, really, should take pride in what just occurred.

2014-10-01 - “House of Burgess - Author, professor, book smuggler” [Page: A4]

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By day, Tony Diaz is an author and professor who serves as director of intercultural initiatives at Lone Star College in Houston. But two years ago, he donned another title: smuggler. During Spring Break 2012, he and his compatriots crossed two state lines to distribute \$20,000 worth of contraband to the youth of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. But what they transported wasn't drugs. (Although, you'd never know it from the way local officials there treated it.) Rather, Diaz became a self-described el librotraficante. Literally translated, he was a “book smuggler.”

2014-10-08 - “House of Burgess - Living off the grid illegal” [Page: A4]

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As you read these words, take a moment to consider your surroundings. Are you indoors? If so, try to name all the outside systems to which you are now connected. Sewer hookups, tap water, outside electricity, DSL Internet, cable television, landline telephone, natural gas — it can all add up quickly once you start considering it. Now, have you ever entertained the notion of leaving all that behind and becoming completely self-sufficient?

2014-10-15 - “House of Burgess - Judge rules water not a constitutional right” [Page: A4]

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The city of Detroit filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy July 13, 2013. The fallout caused municipal services to shore up budgets by any means necessary. For around 20,000 unlucky households since then, that meant loss of water service. Requests for an emergency stoppage to these shutoffs were filed. Late last month, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes issued his disappointing decision.

2014-10-22 - "House of Burgess - Scott nearly bails over fan at feet" [Page: A4]

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Scott's anti-fan demand had the unintended effect of making him look bad for seemingly throwing a tantrum over something so inconsequential.

2014-10-29 - "House of Burgess - Debates need every kind of people" [Page: A4]

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What took place Oct. 9 in the studios of Vermont PBS in Colchester, Vermont, should be a model of political debates everywhere. Democratic Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin was not only joined on stage by Republican challenger Scott Milne and Libertarian Dan Feliciano, but also Liberty Union Party's Pete Diamondstone and independents Cris Ericson, Emily Peyton and Bernard Peters.

2014-11-05 - "House of Burgess - Ferguson flight ban targeted media" [Page: A4]

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We shouldn't stand for being lied to in the name of our own protection.

2014-11-12 - "House of Burgess - Army deletes 'Negro' from manual" [Page: A4]

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When public figures such as Reid and organizations like the Census Bureau and the Army step up and make amends, they are at least admitting their descriptive words have power. While people can call themselves whatever they want, we should address others however they feel most comfortable at the time. Intent and context count for a lot. Just watch it.

2014-11-19 - "House of Burgess - Missouri's state of pre-emergency" [Page: A4]

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As I write these words, it is 9:26 a.m. Tuesday. I am finishing this column now for publication in Wednesday morning's paper. The grand jury empaneled Aug. 20 to decide whether to charge Ferguson, Missouri, police officer Darren Wilson in the Aug. 9 shooting of unarmed African American teenager Michael Brown is concluding its supposedly secret deliberations now. (Or else, it's already done. Who knows?)

2014-11-26 - "House of Burgess - Ferguson, Missouri, is burning" [Page: A4]

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It didn't have to go down like this. There were so many opportunities for officials to stop what happened Monday night in Ferguson, Missouri.

2014-12-03 - "House of Burgess - Black Friday continues to expand" [Page: A4]

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As American shoppers waded their way through the serious injuries and deaths which have become a sad hallmark of Black Friday, those looking for a bargain overseas this year began receiving their first major taste of the holiday.

2014-12-10 - "House of Burgess - A kindler, gentler Ku Klux Klan?" [Page: A4]

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I've always been amused by instances when the Klan shows its softer side.

2014-12-17 - "House of Burgess - Ignorance of law now an excuse" [Page: A4]

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If police can get away with stopping someone's vehicle based on a faulty understanding of the law, the people in the vehicle should be able to claim the same if they've broken a rule of which they weren't aware.

2014-12-28 - "House of Burgess - Re-watching 'Team America'"
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On Dec. 17, when Sony Pictures Entertainment canceled the Christmas release of the Seth Rogen/James Franco comedy "The Interview," which centered around the assassination of North Korea's Kim Jong-un, I was appalled. At least Sony had actually been hacked Nov. 24 by the "Guardians of Peace" and later threatened if it opened the movie. What was really stupefying was watching other, unrelated studios give in before anyone even threatened them. The same day, New Regency Productions scrapped the upcoming "Pyongyang," a graphic novel adaptation starring Steve Carell.

2014-12-31 - "House of Burgess - The Best of 2014 Awards"
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Welcome to this, the third annual Best of the Year Awards. If you read something I wrote this year, including this: thank you.

2015-01-07 - "House of Burgess - Finally watching 'The Interview'" **[Page: A4]**

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I don't believe I've ever written or read more about a movie before viewing a single frame than I have "The Interview."

2015-01-14 - "House of Burgess - Not afraid - Je suis Charlie" **[Page: A4]**

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On Jan. 7, a pair of heavily armed murderers blasted their way into the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical weekly newspaper. Thus began three days of madness in France, which suffered the deadliest terrorist attack in 50-plus years.

2015-01-21 - "House of Burgess - Reserving the right to offend" [Page: A4]

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I was proud to have the opportunity to show my support for free expression over barbarism. Journalists in Iran who did the same were punished.

2015-01-28 - "House of Burgess - Hating is bad for your health" [Page: A4]

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Anyone who puts their work out into the world faces criticism. It's expected. It's part of the job. It's not something that can be totally escaped, nor should it be. Developing some methods of coping with both positive and negative responses to your hard work is essential. But what The Guardian columnist and GQ magazine writer Lindy West faced, no one should be asked to endure.

2015-02-04 - "House of Burgess - Taking aim at 'American Sniper'" [Page: A4]

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Everyone, it seems, wants to have a public opinion. I won't take anything you have to say seriously until you've both read the book and seen the movie.

2015-02-11 - "House of Burgess - Net neutrality gets breathing room" [Page: A4]

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Wheeler's proposed plan would be a major victory for the public. If this change benefited these companies, do you really think they'd care how closely Obama and Wheeler worked together on this one? Don't be fooled: To paraphrase the philosopher/poet Eminem, if they thought they could get away with it, these corporations would put air in a bag and charge people to breathe.

2015-02-18 - "House of Burgess - Court supports male lactation" [Page: A4]

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There is an astounding footnote tucked on page 13 of the Oct. 16, 2012 decision in the case of Ames v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance, et al. It was issued by the District Court for the Southern District of Iowa Central Division. "Ames has not presented sufficient evidence that lactation is a medical condition related to pregnancy," it reads. "Indeed, as the Nationwide defendants point out, 'lactation can be induced by stimulating the body to produce milk even though the person has not experienced a recent birth or pregnancy.' ... Furthermore, it is a scientific fact that even men have milk ducts and the hormones responsible for milk production. ... Accordingly, lactation is not a physiological condition experienced exclusively by women who have recently given birth."

2015-02-25 - "House of Burgess - Real Rick Ross is not a rapper" [Page: A4]

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When I say the name Rick Ross, who comes to mind? If you're conjuring a newly trim, tattooed rapper from south Florida, then you don't know the half of it. The true story is way more interesting.

2015-03-04 - "House of Burgess - Nimoy was, was not Spock" [Page: A4]

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Leonard Nimoy was always one of the chilliest cats on the face of the Earth to me. Tell me you didn't fashion a pair of Spock ears at some point.

2015-03-11 - "House of Burgess - Ferguson, Missouri, could be anywhere" [Page: A4]

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On March 4, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division issued a scathing report on Missouri's Ferguson Police Department — the long-awaited results of the investigation that began Sept. 4, 2014. Allow me to save you about 100 pages of reading: It's all your worst fears about institutional racism, debtors' prisons and constitutional violations laid bare. (The First, Fourth and 14th amendments being particularly abused.) Another scandal is introduced or reinforced nearly every page.

2015-03-18 - "House of Burgess - Voting Rights Act needed as ever" [Page: A4]

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March 7, 1965, 25-year-old Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee chairman John Lewis helped guide hundreds of marchers out of Selma, Alabama, in the direction of Montgomery. The civil rights activists were mobilized in support of the Martin Luther King Jr.-led Selma Voting Rights Campaign. They were quickly met by a line of Alabama State Troopers at the behest of Democratic Gov. George Wallace and Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark.

2015-03-25 - "House of Burgess - Lewinsky pays 'Price of Shame'" [Page: A4]

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The '90s was the best decade that's happened during my lifetime. The

Cold War was over. The economy thrived. Our military was mostly idle. As a barometer of the actual, relatively minor amount of threat we were under, I always cite our national obsession with tawdry news stories like the Monica Lewinsky affair. But it's easy to forget, there are human beings in those circuses.

2015-04-01 - "House of Burgess - Let 'em see, show the world" [Page: A4]

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I totally understand the anger directed toward my home state by the rest of the country. The only thing these people respect will be a swift kick to the pocketbooks. I get it. But, if you do decide to spend money with Hoosier businesses, think about doing it loudly with companies who have declared their willingness to serve all customers. And, RFRA-supporting business owners, the onus is on you. Declare yourself. Your silence is deafening right now.

2015-04-08 - "House of Burgess - Memories Pizza receives \$842,442 donation" [Page: A4]

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I totally disagree with the entire worldview expressed by the owners of Memories Pizza, but give them this much credit: at least they were honest about it. How many other business owners in the state feel exactly the same way, but don't say anything?

2015-04-15 - "House of Burgess - Just no incentive to learn the law" [Page: A4]

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What worries me most about this is not that officers don't know the law, but they now have no incentive to do so. If you're an officer, saying you didn't know the law will get you out of more scrapes than learning it.

2015-04-22 - "House of Burgess - Another day at Ebert's festival" [Page: A4]

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I arrived Friday at the 17th annual Ebertfest during the closing moments of the first panel discussion of the day, "Filmmaking in the Digital Age." The session was being held in the Pine Lounge of the Illini Union on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This was the third day of the week-long celebration started by late Chicago Sun-Times film critic Roger Ebert, who died at age 70 in 2013.

2015-04-29 - "House of Burgess - An open letter to Mitch Daniels" [Page: A4]

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Last year, Dr. John Hartsough, of North Manchester, wrote me in response to my columns about this email scandal. I provided him links to the source material for the original Daniels emails on the subject. Earlier this month, Dr. Hartsough wrote me back.

2015-05-06 - "House of Burgess - 'Riot is language of the unheard'" [Page: A4]

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Both then and now Baltimore burned because leaders refused to

follow the example set by Kennedy and Brown. When you talk at people instead of to them, you make it clear you're not interested in listening to them. A month before his death, King delivered a speech March 14, 1968, at Grosse Pointe High School in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, which perfectly described this dichotomy. "A riot is the language of the unheard," he said. America, are you listening, or are you just talking?

2015-05-13 - "House of Burgess - Calling genocide by its right name" [Page: A4]

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Time is running out for Obama to make good on this promise. This is about much more than resolving campaign hypocrisy with governing realities. Calling genocide by its right name is imperative. Like Hitler in 1939, the next tyrant looking to throw their very own holocaust will note well how we speak of those which have come before it.

2015-05-20 - "House of Burgess - Fake 'Kingdom of North Sudan'" [Page: A4]

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Princesses don't get to exist in a vacuum. The title is but a cog in an antiquated monarchical political system. This hereditary form of government in most modern usages carries with it an air of quaint romanticism, its charms being the sole reason for its otherwise inexplicable continued existence. So far, no other countries have recognized Heaton's claims. If he had planted his flag even 200 years ago, he would have fit right in there. New monarchies claiming ownership over a desolate land through flag planting would not have only been tolerated, but commonplace. Now, not so much.

2015-05-27 - "House of Burgess - Duggar's duplicity on display" [Page: A4]

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As I wrote in my Feb. 19, 2014 column "Separating art from artist," I struggle with reconciling Polanski and Allen's artistic output with their private lives. But I was also never under the impression either was in the least concerned with how I lived my life when I wasn't watching their films. The Duggars, to the contrary, are very interested.

2015-06-03 - "House of Burgess - The State v. John Dennis Hastert" [Page: A4]

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The political world was shocked Thursday as federal charges were filed against the longest-serving GOP speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, former Illinois Rep. John Dennis Hastert, 73.

2015-06-10 - "House of Burgess - Limestone Comedy Festival Journal III" [Page: A4]

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When I interviewed Jared Thompson, Comedy Attic proprietor and Limestone Comedy Festival co-director, a few months ago, he related to me the dilemma his team faced in rising to the heightened expectations set by the first two festivals. But his fears proved unfounded this past weekend as the third annual celebration descended upon downtown Bloomington.

2015-06-17 - “House of Burgess - Three cities; three parking policies” [Page: A4]

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In past 90 days I have parked on the streets of three cities: Champaign/Urbana, Illinois; Bloomington, Indiana; and, of course, Kokomo, Indiana. Two had meters. I received a ticket in one. The following is a case study of the downtown parking policies of each.

2015-06-24 - “House of Burgess - Obama makes point nation misses” [Page: A4]

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I’ve rarely been more excited for the debut of a podcast episode than I was for Monday’s edition of “WTF with Marc Maron” featuring special guest President Barack Obama.

2015-07-01 - “House of Burgess - Well-behaved rarely make history” [Page: A4]

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First, South Carolina should remove the rebel flag from government property immediately. Second, all charges against Newsome and Tyson should be dropped. Third, the state should pin medals to their chests for doing what most leaders agree is the right thing.

2015-07-08 - “House of Burgess - Car tags are government speech” [Page: A4]

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When you see a specialty license plate, whom do you think is speaking? After hearing arguments March 23, the Supreme Court decided just such a question June 18.

2015-07-15 - “House of Burgess - Court avoids 1st Amendment fight” [Page: A4]

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I’m glad the court decided the way it did, but I would have appreciated a broader ruling that addressed the First Amendment issues. Unlike musicians who sing every other genre of music, the long list of rappers I could name who have their lyrics used by prosecutors for convictions and in extended, enhanced sentencing are too numerous to name.

2015-07-22 - “House of Burgess - Roberts, Scalia, Alito, Thomas lose it” [Page: A4]

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Roberts, Scalia, Thomas and Alito are flailing. Court demographics, procedure, hippies, the dignity of slaves — I just couldn’t guess what they’d throw against the wall next. By contrast, Kennedy just guaranteed his legacy with his moving prose.

2015-07-29 - “House of Burgess - Planned attack on Planned Parenthood” [Page: A4]

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It's the dishonesty involved in every step of this attack I find so preposterous. The footage was produced on a lie, edited deceptively and used to push unrelated legislation.

2015-08-05 - “House of Burgess - States clear Planned Parenthood” [Page: A4]

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Those looking to deceive count on most people not seeking out the source material, even when it's freely available.

2015-08-12 - “House of Burgess - Enter the 2016 GOP clown car” [Page: A4]

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Seventeen candidates. Two debates. One night. Thursday saw the first Republican primary debate hosted by Fox News Channel and Facebook at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. Fox had changed the admittance rules just days before. The 9 p.m. main event still featured the top 10 as determined by an average of five national polls two days prior. The 5 p.m. debate scrapped the requirement for at least 1 percent support.

2015-08-19 - “House of Burgess - Black Lives Matter in Kokomo” [Page: A4]

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Simple gestures carry more weight than we might realize at the time. Affirming someone else’s humanity doesn’t diminish your own. I’m not afraid to say it, and neither should you be: Black Lives Matter.

2015-08-26 - “House of Burgess - 'Mockingbird' to 'Watchman,' part 1” [Page: A4]

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I read this book in high school and I wanted to revisit it one last time before I set about tackling Lee’s newest work. From what I’ve heard, some very troubling details have surfaced regarding both the fictional characters and real-life players in this story and I wanted one last look before my view of this modern classic was changed forever. More on that next week.

2015-09-02 - “House of Burgess - 'Mockingbird' to 'Watchman,' part 2” [Page: A4]

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Oh, Harper Lee. You almost had the perfect literary career. You released one universally adored modern classic in 1960, dropped the

mic and lived the next half a century a reclusive legend. Then, in 2011, your lawyer, Tonja Brooks Carter, “found” an earlier draft.

2015-09-09 - “House of Burgess - Threat to institution of marriage” [Page: A4]

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Over and over in the years leading up to Obergefell, I kept hearing the argument that same-sex marriage would threaten the institution of marriage. This line always baffled me, as I saw no effect on my — or any other straight couple’s — marriage based on the legality or illegality of same-sex marriage. Apparently, Davis, Gipson, Jensen and their ilk are willing to blow up the very idea of legal marriage if they can’t have their way. I never saw this one coming. But, what can I say? I love a twist ending!

2015-09-16 - “House of Burgess - Democrats stifle their own debates” [Page: A4]

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As of this writing, the GOP is slated for a total of no less than 11 debates before the primary season has concluded. And the Democrats? Just six. Not only that, but the DNC has promised to ban any candidate from its official stages who dares participate in any non-sanctioned debate. To push back against these restrictive measures, O’Malley’s campaign has undertaken the aggressive tactic of supporting protests at the DNC’s Washington, D.C., headquarters, set to coincide with Wednesday’s Republican debate.

2015-09-23 - “House of Burgess - The GOP clown car rides again” [Page: A4]

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After squeezing 17 candidates into two debates Aug. 6, the Republican presidential field shrunk by one Sept. 11. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry announced at the Eagle Forum in St. Louis he would no longer be eyeing the White House in 2016 through his new glasses. And while the rules of the first debate allowed all announced GOP candidates a platform, CNN and Salem Media Group decided their Sept. 16 debate in the Air Force One Pavilion at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, would require at least a 1 percent poll showing, leaving out former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore.

2015-09-30 - "House of Burgess - Prominent Catholics shun pope" [Page: A4]

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Six of the nine justices of the Supreme Court are Catholic. So, you'd think with two-thirds of the high court belonging to the church, most of them turning up for Pope Francis' first-ever U.S. visit last week would be the least they could do.

2015-10-07 - "House of Burgess - Vatican 'regrets' Davis meeting" [Page: A4]

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It makes complete sense for him to be in cahoots with Davis ideologically. Save their attempt to repair this tear in the pope's heretofore unassailable image, I don't see why Vatican officials would distance themselves from this given their own positions.

2015-10-14 - "House of Burgess - Republican Party civil war's here" [Page: A4]

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The three top-polling candidates for the GOP presidential nomination have no government experience whatsoever. Our two-party system is clearly in shambles. It's time for third, fourth and fifth parties. What does either side gain by trying to hold this together? The tea party should become the Tea Party.

2015-10-21 - "House of Burgess - Democrats finally take stage" [Page: A4]

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After two marathon Republican debates split into halves, the Democrats finally took the CNN/Facebook debate stage Oct. 13 at Wynn Las Vegas. With only five candidates, compared to the Republican horde, it felt downright sparse.

2015-10-28 - "House of Burgess - Biff Tannen of 'Back to the Future' is Trump" [Page: A4]

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By looking at the chaotic, dystopian 1985 of the film, we have a clear view of our future if I ever seriously have to type the words President Trump.

2015-11-04 - "House of Burgess - CNBC loses control of its debate" [Page: A4]

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[burgess-cnbc-loses-control-of-its-debate/article_0162b568-8260-11e5-bfee-279d883db0cd.html](http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-cnbc-loses-control-of-its-debate/article_0162b568-8260-11e5-bfee-279d883db0cd.html)

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Nearly every GOP candidate's staff met at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia, Sunday to draw up new debate demands — without inviting the Republican National Committee.

2015-11-11 - "House of Burgess - A more relaxed look at the Democrats" [Page: A4]

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The First in the South Democratic Candidates Forum took place in front of a crowd of 3,000 at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and was hosted by the South Carolina Democratic Party and 12 other Southern state Democratic parties.

2015-11-18 - "House of Burgess - Paris and return of 'whataboutism'" [Page: A4]

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People should just be glad whenever Americans are aware of world events at all. There's never enough of that. It would be different if they just sought to inform. I'm always accepting new facts. It's also significant all four waves of attackers share an ideology. But whataboutists believe it's only possible to care about one thing at a time.

2015-11-25 - "House of Burgess - Debates before and after Paris" [Page: A4]

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Sponsored by Fox Business News and The Wall Street Journal, the fourth set of Republican presidential debates took place Nov. 10 at the Milwaukee Theater in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On Nov. 13, 130 were killed and hundreds were injured in a series of attacks on Paris. On Nov. 14, the Democratic candidates met for the second debate, this time at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, which was sponsored by CBS News, KCCI and The Des Moines Register. The difference between the questions featured in each debate was stark as most of the candidates didn't get a chance to weigh in on the crisis on the debate stage due to the timing of the attacks. This was just as well. At no point during the day on Nov. 13 did I think to myself, "I wonder what the presidential candidates think about all this?"

2015-12-02 - "House of Burgess - Syrian refugees feed homeless" [Page: A4]

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-syrian-refugees-feed-homeless/article_4734b8fc-9868-11e5-b2f7-af4b21fcd7c.html

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I have decided there is a way I will forgive whataboutists: If they are willing to fully commit to their arguments, I'll let it slide. Let's see them advocate for a social safety net for homeless veterans when it's not just convenient to the point they are attempting to make.

2015-12-09 - "House of Burgess - Loggia, Weiland 'never quit trying'" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-loggia-weiland-never-quit-trying/article_3a952e76-9de3-11e5-84e3-77aee504bc23.html

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Sometimes it takes the sudden absence of a gifted artist for us to identify their place in our imaginations. These are the ones who weren't afraid of playing their roles, despite obstacles, for decades. Last week saw two such artists leave us.

2015-12-16 - "House of Burgess - GOP preparing for convention rumble" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-gop-preparing-for-convention-rumble/article_c3376c0c-07ff-53f2-b81d-975dc59fca8b.html

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Republicans can't afford to embrace a losing strategy. But, if the most popular outsider candidates are purged, they can very well run as a third-party, siphoning off votes. It's a pickle the GOP put themselves in, and it's one only they can get themselves out of.

2015-12-23 - "House of Burgess - Parties target Sanders, Trump" [Page: A4]

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While the final Republican and Democratic debates of 2015 played out last week, party leaders worked to usurp their respective top upstarts.

2015-12-30 - "House of Burgess - The Best of 2015 Awards" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-the-best-of-awards/article_6c00f8e5-b1a4-5312-ba8c-59300b4968c1.html

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If you read something I wrote this year, including this: thank you.

2016-01-06 - "House of Burgess - There's no justice for Tamir Rice" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-there-s-no-justice-for-tamir-rice/article_409a5d36-b3e7-11e5-a6b2-5b541b41c3ef.html

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After shooting Tamir, the officer describes him over the scanner as “maybe 20.” According to the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action, Ohio “law does not prohibit the open carrying of firearms.” What was the perceived transgression?

2016-01-13 - “House of Burgess - RIP, David Bowie” [Page: A4, promo on A1]

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-rip-david-bowie/article_ef08f04e-b969-11e5-8ed2-9f7131f79d78.html

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I listen to Bowie and think it’s not an exaggeration to say he is one of the main reasons I’m thankful for recorded music.

2016-01-20 - “House of Burgess - Obama's last SOTU” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-obama-s-last-sotu/article_ceb09162-bed7-11e5-a277-9b993ad72b87.html

If you search online for President Barack Obama’s final State of the Union speech, delivered Jan. 12, you could just watch it. But the footage I saw was a feed from the Public Broadcasting System, which showed what happened in the House Chamber before, during and after the speech. What occurred on stage was only part of the show.

2016-01-27 - “House of Burgess - The last debate before Iowa” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-last-debates-before-iowa/article_3f33c5d2-b720-537e-8100-bc41a694c49f.html

Earlier this month, both parties held their first primary debates of 2016. Republicans still have one more debate Thursday at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines before Monday's first-in-the-nation Iowa Caucus, but for the Democrats, that's it.

2016-02-03 - “House of Burgess - Trump ditches debate, Cruz wins” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-trump-ditches-debate-cruz-wins/article_b06b2544-c9ec-11e5-9831-7b116ff8d0fe.html

Upsetting longtime front-runner Donald Trump, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz won the Iowa Republican Caucuses on Monday. This, after Trump

boycotted Thursday's Fox News/Google debate because host Megyn Kelly (who had displeased him in the first debate) returned.

2016-02-10 - "House of Burgess - Gloves off before New Hampshire" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-gloves-off-before-new-hampshire/article_ee04806c-cf1e-5637-a23e-bd25a2c9677f.html

You, in the future, know Tuesday's New Hampshire presidential primary outcome. If polls hold, Donald Trump and independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders should do well. After poor Iowa showings Feb. 2, Republicans Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum dropped out, the latter endorsing Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

2016-02-24 - "House of Burgess - Iran's Rushdie price near \$4M" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-iran-s-rushdie-price-near-m/article_557e5966-da69-11e5-915b-03ae52ed6dbd.html

Twenty-seven years ago, an 86-year-old theocratic leader offered piles of cash for the murder of a foreign citizen. The offense was a fictional story that presented a supposedly less-than-flattering depiction of the founder of a religion of which the author is no longer a member. And that bounty has only increased. If you care one bit about free expression, I shouldn't have to tell you how worrying this is.

2016-03-02 - "House of Burgess - Debates before Super Tuesday" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-debates-before-super-tuesday/article_4c97db2e-dfeb-11e5-8a9a-dbadcf85903d.html

Donald Trump and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were set to run up their delegate leads on Super Tuesday, with Alabama, Alaska Republicans, American Samoa Democrats, Arkansas, Colorado Democrats, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia all holding primaries or caucuses.

2016-03-09 - "House of Burgess - GOP manhood measuring contest" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-gop-manhood-measuring-contest/article_7a4bfa9a-eb3c-5429-972b-08b6557a8763.html

Tonight, Univision and The Washington Post host the Miami Democratic debate.

2016-03-16 - “House of Burgess - The Donald's First Amendment” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-the-donald-s-first-amendment/article_f206aa2e-eaed-11e5-96e1-bb472bd0aa19.html

Of all the political documents one could cite, it never ceases to amaze me just how mangled interpretations of the First Amendment can become. People twist and abuse these words for their own purposes so often you'd think, if you'd never read it before, the text is somehow ambiguous as to its purpose.

2016-03-23 - “House of Burgess - Wrong phone number goes right” [Page: A2]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-wrong-phone-number-goes-right/article_46647348-f044-11e5-b234-dfd24818464f.html

I love this story. I am so glad it exists. What begins as an accident becomes more authentic than most intentional acts.

2016-03-30 - “House of Burgess - Trump cancels; Fox, RNC follow” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-trump-cancels-fox-rnc-follow/article_cd6bd254-f5db-11e5-9786-eff43f686e53.html

This may well spell the end for Republican primary debate season.

2016-04-06 - “House of Burgess - Obama stifles then scolds press” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-obama-stifles-then-scolds-press/article_bcf2bed0-fb65-11e5-aa34-0f83163b9094.html

It's not that the president is wrong on these points; it's just that he's one of the last people who should be making them. During his first presidential campaign he, too, benefited from far more adoring media attention than his competitors. And, if he wants to lecture us, maybe his administration should stop enacting policies that make it harder to do our jobs.

2016-04-13 - “House of Burgess - American history, Cruz-style” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-american-history-cruz-style/article_119e039a-00ed-11e6-8704-137f42d41b6c.html

If Cruz's view of American history speaks your language, what more can I say? You have your candidate. Everyone else should be very, very afraid.

2016-04-20 - "House of Burgess - Democrats tussle before New York" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-democrats-tussle-before-new-york/article_63349862-06f2-11e6-bb76-b326bbd348af.html

April 5, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders won the Wisconsin primaries in the Republican and Democratic races, respectively. April 8, Cruz won the Colorado Republican Convention. April 9, Sanders and Cruz won Wyoming. Tuesday will see Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island take to the polls. May 3, we here in Indiana will get our turn. (Finally.)

2016-04-27 - "House of Burgess - Nothing compares 2 U, Prince" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-nothing-compares-u-prince/article_1754de16-0be3-11e6-b052-cb6e365d97dc.html

After 57-year-old Prince Rogers Nelson was found dead Thursday at his Paisley Park studio in Chanhassen, Minnesota, time seemed to stop for a moment. The only correlation I could draw was the feeling that prevailed after Michael Jackson passed away in 2009. Whether we realize it or not, a handful of artists' work is built into our collective cultural DNA.

2016-05-03 - "House of Burgess - Cruz, Trump-free state voting guide" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-cruz-trump-free-state-voting-guide/article_6f134512-109c-11e6-b6dd-d78b88298fc0.html

Indiana has open primaries. You just have to be registered and bring a valid photo ID. When you arrive, you will be asked which party's ballot you want. This is where it will get tricky.

2016-05-11 - "House of Burgess - Which side are you on, GOP?" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-which-side-are-you-on-gop/article_74cab034-16dd-11e6-94b7-7bc0a87ff9bd.html

After Donald Trump's crushing victory May 3 in the Indiana primary, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich quickly bowed out. Trump is now the presumptive nominee of the Republican Party.

2016-05-18 - “House of Burgess - Trump impersonated publicists” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-trump-impersonated-publicists/article_c20a4caa-1c6f-11e6-be1f-af582bfb7f74.html

A recording of the phone interview with this “John Miller” character came to light last week after it was provided to the paper by an anonymous source. As it turns out, there never was a “John Miller.” (Or “John Barron,” as this mysterious man was previously referred to in other publications.) Both were Trump the whole time.

2016-05-25 - “House of Burgess - Texas GOP needs punctuation” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-texas-gop-needs-punctuation/article_3b0d3b70-21cb-11e6-b7d8-97d4d9be6afc.html

As the old adage goes, a well-placed comma can mean the difference between “Let’s eat, Grandma”, and, “Let’s eat Grandma.” The Texas Republican Party found this out the hard way earlier this month.

2016-06-01 - “House of Burgess - Trump, Sanders should debate” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-trump-sanders-should-debate/article_161783c0-27f2-11e6-a329-efeafd6a6723.html

For a guy who fancies himself a strongman able to stand up to anyone, it’s telling that Trump tucked his tail between his legs when faced with the actual prospect of having to debate Sanders.

2016-06-08 - “House of Burgess - Germany, not U.S., recognizes genocide” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-germany-not-u-s-recognizes-genocide/article_edf5b6b7-34d9-563a-a131-af50994d5e92.html

As Germany is finding out right now, speaking the truth can be dangerous, even a century after the fact.

2016-06-15 - “House of Burgess - Gun shares up after Orlando” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-gun-shares-up-after-orlando/article_72f91f46-3273-11e6-8c42-3374ec9bd8d7.html

Sunday morning saw the deadliest mass shooting in American history, as 50 people (including the gunman) were killed, and 53 more were wounded at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Collective

mourning and an outpouring of grief throughout the world followed. But, an expected run on gun stores is what had the stock market humming when the exchanges opened Monday.

2016-06-22 - “House of Burgess - Hack confirms DNC bias”
[Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-hack-confirms-dnc-bias/article_e8b4a638-3872-11e6-bba9-e377545bac82.html

Last week it was announced the Democratic National Committee was victim of a long-running, widespread data breach by hackers apparently working within the Russian government.

2016-06-29 - “House of Burgess - Break up to make up in UK”
[Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-break-up-to-make-up-in-uk/article_fafc023e-3d5c-11e6-8cac-d754cf0a0010.html

Giving UK voters another whack at this one could be the smartest course of action, as their Google searches from the day after showed some, shall we say, knowledge gaps. “If you judge a country’s interests only by prevalent Google searches, it was after the polls closed when British voters started to think seriously about the implications of their choice,” reported NPR’s Alina Selyukh on Friday. “According to data from Google Trends, the searches for ‘what is the eu’ and ‘what is brexit’ started climbing across Britain late into the night.” If there is a next time, Brits: Google first, vote later.

2016-07-06 - “House of Burgess - SCOTUS messes with Texas”
[Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-scotus-messes-with-texas/article_e610c602-7261-598b-9d53-3828b80e1ed9.html

If you want to argue the merits of abortion, let’s have that discussion. Just don’t pretend we’re talking about something else.

2016-07-13 - “House of Burgess - High court eats poisonous fruit” **[Page: A4]**

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-high-court-eats-poisonous-fruit/article_ebc3fdf2-4861-11e6-91a8-efcdd7e16f1d.html

For nearly a century, a legal precept known as “fruit of a poisonous tree” has been established by the Supreme Court. This legal metaphor states that if evidence against a suspect is obtained illegally, then anything found is inadmissible in court. This philosophy represents the so-called “exclusionary rule” of the Fourth Amendment that bars

“against unreasonable searches and seizures.” You can forget all that now, I guess.

2016-07-20 - “House of Burgess - Court rules for affirmative action” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-court-rules-for-affirmative-action/article_9e57847c-4dce-11e6-88fb-47fa3dae413c.html

Like a horror movie where the villain comes back for one last scare after the protagonist thinks he’s already been vanquished, Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin made its way back before the Supreme Court this term, eight long years since the case began.

2016-07-27 - “House of Burgess - Trump's lip service to LGBTQ” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-trump-s-lip-service-to-lgbtq/article_8566bb82-534a-11e6-b52a-278d54a87354.html

So, gay conservatives, if there are any of you left, please understand this: Neither Trump nor the Republican Party care a thing about you. Don’t listen to the words from the convention stage, pay attention to their actions off it.

2016-08-03 - “House of Burgess - DNC hack fallout continues” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/columns/house-of-burgess-dnc-hack-fallout-continues/article_d1fb89df-03b5-5061-addd-d2dd35eea44c.html

If you want something to remain a secret, never write it down. But, if you want the whole world to know something, send it in an email in care of the Democratic National Committee.

2016-08-10 - “House of Burgess - Voting Rights Act still missed” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-voting-rights-act-still-missed/article_19405302-5ef1-11e6-8cf8-ef3606248b2f.html

Saturday marked the 51st anniversary of one of the most important pieces of legislation ever signed in this country: the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Sadly, as I wrote in my July 3, 2013 column, “SCOTUS giveth, then it taketh”, the Supreme Court’s decision in the case of Shelby County v. Holder effectively ripped the vital organs out of the VRA.

2016-08-17 - “House of Burgess - 'Middle age' tells lie” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-middle-age-tells-lie/article_9b42df06-63e6-11e6-9957-d381f59c047e.html

Ever since I was hired for my first full-time job as a journalist at the Reporter-Times in Martinsville 10 years ago, editing the obituaries has been a constant feature of every newsroom job since. Five days a week for years, I have had thousands of opportunities to contemplate the stories of complete strangers. You could say it has made me think about death more than the average person probably does, but I would argue it has made me think more about life.

2016-08-24 - "House of Burgess - Governor drafted as public defender" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-governor-drafted-as-public-defender/article_3c2753b0-69f6-11e6-90aa-1b0fd827099c.html

Barrett concluded there was only one action left to take: draft Nixon, a lawyer by trade, into service as a public defender in a Cole County, Missouri, assault case.

2016-08-31 - "House of Burgess - Kaepernick follows Ali, Smith, Carlos" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-kaepernick-follows-ali-smith-carlos/article_b1f7655c-6ef2-11e6-bf6f-0f632e411d8b.html

If you are, were and always will be against the passive resistance of Smith, Carlos, Ali and Kaepernick on grounds of disrespect towards the flag and the military men and women who died under it, I'll give you points for consistency. (Though, I would point out one of the rights veterans fought for was the First Amendment, which protects even deeply unpopular speech.) But if you salute these historical figures, but not Kaepernick, I would just ask: Is it really that these are such different cases? Or is it just that the first two happened a long time ago and you're just experiencing this one in real time?

2016-09-07 - "House of Burgess - Jail time for public library fines" [Page: A4]

I love libraries. For my entire life I have seen them as vital sanctuaries of knowledge and respite. But, if some libraries want to start involving the legal system when fines accrue, we may as well not have them at all.

2016-09-14 - "House of Burgess - 'Twin Towers sale' closes store" [Page: A4]

Any disaster-based advertising, no matter how well-intentioned, has the very real possibility of ending any business associated with it.

2016-09-21 - "House of Burgess - Clinton, Trump's health questions" [Page: A4]

We, as a country, should operate as if the president could die at any moment. It's why the Secret Service protects the candidates and the president. It's why a designated survivor from the president's Cabinet is chosen to be sequestered at a secret location during the State of the Union address. Because of that same order of succession, it's why we care so much who the vice president is. Since the ratification of the 25th Amendment in 1967, Reagan (once) and George W. Bush (twice) temporarily named vice presidents George H.W. Bush and Dick Cheney, respectively, as acting president while undergoing colon procedures.

2016-09-28 - "House of Burgess - Cruz and 'Vichy Republicans'" [Page: A4]

In his March 13 Washington Post column, Pulitzer Prize-winning conservative columnist George Will described "Vichy Republicans" as "collaborationists coming to terms with the occupation of their party."

2016-10-05 - "House of Burgess - Candidates finally square off" [Page: A4]

Believe it or not, we're in the home stretch, people. It seems this accursed election cycle might yet end. There are just 34 days left until Nov. 8, Election Day.

2016-10-12 - "House of Burgess - Trump says he'll jail Clinton" [Page: A4]

Only dictators imprison political enemies. The scary part is how many of our fellow citizens seem to be just fine with that idea.

2016-10-19 - "House of Burgess - List of Trump accusers grows" [Page: A4]

Bill Clinton is not running. And Trump apparently didn't have a problem with the Clintons when he invited them to his 2005 wedding. He asks us to believe Bill Clinton's accusers. Let's use the same logic for Trump's accusers too, then. I don't blame these women for staying silent this long given this reception.

2016-10-26 - "House of Burgess - 'Bad hombres,' 'nasty' women" [Page: A4]

The third and final debate took place Oct. 19 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and was moderated by Fox News' Chris Wallace. (Fox News' moderators have been the best of both the primary and general debates, despite framing questions in an ostensibly right-wing fashion.) Debates are supposed to be opportunities for candidates to

speak to those outside their base, to those who could be convinced one way or another. Trump is only speaking to his core group of supporters.

2016-11-02 - "House of Burgess - Ex-N.Y. Rep. Anthony Weiner strikes again" [Page: A4]

I should have known the 2016 election would have something horrible in store at the last moment. What I couldn't have guessed was the return of disgraced former Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner to take center stage.

2016-11-08 - "House of Burgess - Trump, you're fired" [Page: A4]

Election Day. Freedom. It has been 454 days since I began writing about this unholy presidential election. Today couldn't have arrived soon enough.

2016-11-16 - "House of Burgess - In the United States of hatred" [Page: A4]

I was certain Trump would not win the presidency. I didn't even prepare myself for this possibility because it was too awful to contemplate. I woke up the day after Election Day feeling like a stranger in my own country. I resolve to be in touch with the reality that this country is much more hateful than I had previously thought and to be more vigilant than ever about calling it out.

2016-11-23 - "House of Burgess - 'Electoral College is a disaster'" [Page: A4]

When I woke up Nov. 8, I felt in my bones fewer Americans would vote for Republican Donald Trump for president than Democrat Hillary Clinton. On that technical point I was right, but in a practical sense it didn't matter. My mistake was in thinking this then meant Clinton would be president.

2016-11-30 - "House of Burgess - State election recounts to begin" [Page: A4]

Trump offered no evidence to back up his claim of election fraud, but if he truly thinks millions of votes were illegitimate he should welcome a complete audit of the entire country. Maybe this Stein fundraiser is a scam, but so what? Knock yourself out. If Trump is right he has nothing to worry about. In fact, he has a duty to do a recount if he wants to preserve the integrity of the very concept of elections in this country.

2016-12-07 - "House of Burgess - Black mall Santa boycott" [Page: A4]

The modern Coca-Cola-style American standard Santa Claus image didn't coalesce until about 100 years ago. Before that, there was the character of Father Christmas. Before that, there was the character of Sinterklaas and his black-faced helpers, Zwarte Pieten. Before that, there was Saint Nicholas. Before that, there was the Germanic god Odin.

2016-12-14 - "House of Burgess - An open letter to electors" [Page: A4]

I don't personally know any of you, the 538 members of the Electoral College. I am not writing this because I realistically think it will change anything. All I know is, whatever happens Monday when you do convene to pick the 45th president, I won't forgive myself if I don't use this last chance to use this platform to deliver you this message: You don't have to do this.

2016-12-21 - "House of Burgess - Presidential recounts fall apart" [Page: A4]

I'm not as interested in what the results of these examinations show as I am in it being done right. If ballots are hand-counted in every municipality of all 50 states and Washington, D.C., and it shows Trump won by even larger margins, so be it. But, why then is he the one so against the idea of the proper recount we're apparently never going to get?

2016-12-28 - "House of Burgess - The Best of 2016" [Page: A4]

Welcome to the fifth annual Best of the Year Awards. There's no way around it: 2016 was a rough one. But, there were bright spots for me both personally and professionally.

2017-01-04 - "House of Burgess - Romney ruled right" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-romney-ruled-right/article_bbd0f7f8-d27c-11e6-ab2a-8797f1ca7eb5.html

Ryan and his party seem complacent to leave Trump's Russia ties largely unexamined. For all his constant contradictions, one subject Trump has remained consistent on is a steady stream of flattery of Putin's strength and intelligence, especially via Twitter.

2017-01-11 - "House of Burgess - A revolt falls apart" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-a-revolt-falls-apart/article_de23beb0-d774-11e6-a5f1-d7014270e26a.html

Well, I did what I could. As I wrote in my Dec. 14 column, “An open letter to electors,” I begged the 538 members of the Electoral College to vote for anyone but Republican candidate Donald Trump.

2017-01-18 - “House of Burgess - John Lewis leads the resistance” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-john-lewis-leads-the-resistance/article_b4b90bc8-dcda-11e6-bf75-f314529bc925.html

When John Lewis, Democratic congressman for Georgia’s 5th District, calls out injustice, his words carry a bit more weight than most.

2017-01-18 - “House of Burgess - Size matters to Trump” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-size-matters-to-trump/article_b1281326-e272-11e6-9f73-5b096fe8c442.html

Before Friday’s inauguration of President Donald Trump, it didn’t matter to me one bit how many or how few people showed up in Washington, D.C. It could have happened at night, alone, in the middle of the woods, or everyone in the world could have been forced to view it. My mind was far too consumed with grasping the reality this was actually happening to consider spending two seconds worrying about statistics. Bleachers along the parade route sat empty and the National Mall crowd seemed sparse, but I shrugged my shoulders and attempted to go about my day.

2017-02-01 - “House of Burgess - Trump's press 'war' is on reality” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trump-s-press-war-is-on-reality/article_6bed0450-e7f0-11e6-9bbe-334f65a042a4.html

I’m not playing their game. I’m just going to keep doing my job, whether they like it or not. As much as the Trump administration hides behind the Constitution, they don’t seem to have ever read or understood it.

2017-02-08 - “House of Burgess - Administration's alternative history” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-administration-s-alternative-history/article_86c758f2-ed7c-11e6-9405-6309ddfed2d2.html

President Donald Trump’s administration habitually has obfuscated or made up historical events and figures. This is familiar behavior.

2017-02-15 - "House of Burgess - More alternative history"
[Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-more-alternative-history/article_af46d7f6-f382-11e6-8129-6fed1b949853.html

Covering first the candidacy, and now presidency, of Donald Trump means constantly being told easily disprovable lies, or "alternative facts."

2017-02-22 - "House of Burgess - About 'Last night in Sweden'"
[Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-about-last-night-in-sweden/article_e19a00b8-f86c-11e6-b2ec-9734f88e3af2.html

The question now is: Why does this administration seem insistent on finding terror where it does not exist? And what happens when there is an actual attack? How do we rely on them for accurate information? It looks like we'll have at least four years of constant campaigning to find out.

2017-03-01 - "House of Burgess - Bill Paxton made it look easy" **[Page: A4]**

www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-bill-paxton-made-it-look-easy/article_c46abe6a-fe7f-11e6-a7b0-47443e9c0fd6.html

Actor and director Bill Paxton was only 61 when he died unexpectedly Saturday. He suffered a stroke after heart surgery, according to a family statement released Sunday. He leaves behind a wife, Louise, and two children, Lydia and James.

2017-03-08 - "House of Burgess - Arkansas bill would ban Zinn books" **[Page: A4]**

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-arkansas-bill-would-ban-zinn-books/article_58544d5c-0430-11e7-b630-e3d1fea4ff2b.html

I have no idea if Republican Arkansas State Rep. Kim Hendren has read a single book by historian Howard Zinn, but if he has his way, students in that state won't be allowed to.

2017-03-15 - "House of Burgess - New Ferguson tape revealed"
[Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-new-ferguson-tape-revealed/article_0d83016c-0979-11e7-94f4-6fd98e6efd23.html

A previously unseen piece of evidence in the Aug. 9, 2014 shooting of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri Officer Darren Wilson has been

released in the new documentary, “Stranger Fruit,” which premiered Saturday at the South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas.

2017-03-22 - “House of Burgess - Hail! Chuck Berry” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-hail-chuck-berry/article_ee6a4782-0e72-11e7-bc0c-6f4b1c3fa7eb.html

One of the pioneers of modern music, Chuck Berry, was found dead at age 90 on Saturday at his Missouri home.

2017-03-29 - “House of Burgess - Still no justice for Tamir Rice” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-still-no-justice-for-tamir-rice/article_43e932d8-13f3-11e7-b59d-a7ff17bafb98.html

The officers on scene won’t face charges. The city has refused to accept responsibility. The dispatcher who relayed misinformation isn’t even going to miss a full paycheck. The officer who tackled Tamir’s grieving sister is only going to be missing two days, and that’s just because he didn’t tell them about his second job. There’s still no justice for Tamir Rice.

2017-04-05 - “House of Burgess - UK gives EU notice” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-uk-gives-eu-notice/article_95597e46-196d-11e7-884d-b3b25382c6fe.html

At its height in the years right before World War II, the British crown claimed dominion over nearly a half-billion subjects — one-fifth of the world’s population at the time, the most in history. Between 1946, when Jordan gained independence, and 1986, when Australia and New Zealand went their own ways, 56 countries have declared their autonomy from the UK. Of late, nationalistic movements across the globe like Brexit have promised a return to former glory. In fact, it may be Brexit itself that finally causes England to finally go it alone at the bottom of Great Britain.

2017-04-12 - “House of Burgess - Trump turns doves to hawks” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trump-turns-doves-to-hawks/article_65ac2f14-1ee9-11e7-b4a7-3748b898da16.html

At 8:45 p.m. Thursday, President Donald Trump, without congressional approval, completely reversed his Syria policy with a bang.

2017-04-19 - "House of Burgess - Courts halt Arkansas' killing spree" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-courts-halt-arkansas-killing-spre/article_163e8a18-245b-11e7-ae4-1b0b3c3d96d1.html

Even if you disagree with me on the death penalty itself, nothing about our imperfect system run by fallible humans suggests we should speed up the process by unreliable means.

2017-04-26 - "House of Burgess - Administration's lies consequential" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-administration-s-lies-consequential/article_57be49ec-29d8-11e7-be38-973a35136421.html

Every president lies about some things sometimes. But President Donald Trump and his administration take habitual untruth-telling to new heights.

2017-05-03 - "House of Burgess - Arkansas rushes 4 executions in just 7 days" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-arkansas-rushes-executions-in-just-days/article_2e45ccde-2f69-11e7-b93a-4f2bca9c1d14.html

Arkansas managed to make April a historically grisly month in the state's history.

2017-05-10 - "House of Burgess - Organist confesses to vandalism" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-organist-confesses-to-vandalism/article_56f81d18-34e5-11e7-b1d4-83dedec5a8ea.html

Nov. 13, 2016, the first Sunday after the election of President Trump, parishioners of St. David's Episcopal Church in Bean Blossom saw three large swaths of graffiti on the outer blue walls: a swastika, "HEIL TRUMP" and a gay slur. Organist George Nathaniel Stang, 26, Bloomington, was the first to arrive before 9:30 a.m. services. As it turned out, Stang himself was responsible. The night before, he used black spray paint purchased with cash at Bloomington Hardware.

2017-05-17 - "House of Burgess - Trump's 'Tuesday Night Massacre'" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trump-s-tuesday-night-massacre/article_5c103522-3a64-11e7-9087-5f1d19439a0f.html

Unlike Nixon, congressional Republicans keep enabling Trump.

2017-05-25 - "House of Burgess - Trump himself the leaker of info" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-trump-himself-the-leaker-of-info/article_c172406c-40c3-11e7-96be-bb26abf0c08e.html

Once again, the space allotted couldn't possibly do justice to the past week, but here goes.

2017-05-31 - "House of Burgess - They went to Jared" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-they-went-to-jared/article_0736dfc0-4571-11e7-940e-87b7738e290d.html

Kushner didn't list these alleged contacts on his SF 86 form for security clearance for government employment. If convicted, this would constitute a federal crime, with a penalty of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment up to five years. If I had to guess who will be the beneficiary of Trump's first presidential pardon, then, as the famous TV jewelry advertising jingle goes: "It can only be Jared."

2017-06-07 - "House of Burgess - Ignore fading celebrities' threats" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-ignore-fading-celebrities-threats/article_b7906b00-4ae1-11e7-b3f8-c746724f2956.html

The minute you lose your head and spew vitriol in response to these provocations, you've already given these famous trolls what they want. Though, they shouldn't be surprised if the Secret Service has some questions. (One of my favorite stories from the satirical newspaper, The Onion, is: "Marilyn Manson Now Going Door-To-Door Trying To Shock People.") These incidents seems to be the domain of the celebrity on the other side of their peak. If you'd rather enjoy the whooshing sound as they speed ever more rapidly down the road to irrelevancy, just ignore them. It should be easy since there are countless real issues in this world on which to focus.

2017-06-14 - "House of Burgess - 'Lordy, I hope there are tapes'" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-lordy-i-hope-there-are-tapes/article_12d479d0-506d-11e7-8556-ab74ec4ae0ea.html

After Comey's testimony, both the House and Senate requested Trump's tapes and Comey's memos. "I'll tell you about it over a short period of time," Trump said during a Saturday press conference in the Rose Garden, as to whether the tapes even existed. "I'm not hinting at

anything. ... You're going to be very disappointed when you hear the answer." Lordy, I hope there are tapes.

2017-06-21 - "House of Burgess - Philando Castile a good guy with a gun" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-philando-castile-a-good-guy-with-a/article_444cb154-568e-11e7-b560-9be37ba93ab8.html

When I first heard about the case of Philando Castile, it took a few days before I watched the sickening video of the final moments of his life.

2017-06-28 - "House of Burgess - 'I didn't tape' Comey, the president now says"

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-i-didn-t-tape-comey-the-president/article_3e87c778-5b6f-11e7-8d65-2b9ce489c0fb.html

As these past weeks have confirmed, the answers given to inquiries swirling around the White House have only raised more questions.

2017-07-06 - "House of Burgess - Trademarks, speech" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trademarks-speech/article_9795d72c-61a2-11e7-b3df-0b86ccc2f7d1.html

When you see a trademark, whom do you assume is speaking? The one who came up with the idea, or the government that issued the trademark?

2017-07-12 - "House of Burgess - Court breaks wall of separation" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-court-breaks-wall-of-separation/article_5cf84756-68bb-11e7-a254-9772c3e981b5.html

The situation we're about to discuss is about far more than state money being used to fund a specific playground on church land. It's about the very foundation of what makes America, well, America. The case of Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer was argued before the full Supreme Court April 19, and was decided June 26. In a lopsided decision, seven of the nine justices sided with the church.

2017-07-19 - "House of Burgess - Court eyes racial gerrymandering" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-court-eyes-racial-gerrymandering/article_d2f46b9e-6c7e-11e7-96b8-1be4e732d7ac.html

In the now five years I've written this series, this is the third year in a row I find myself writing about the 14th Amendment. It's one of three Reconstruction Amendments passed in the five years after the Civil War.

2017-07-26 - "House of Burgess - Requiem for 'Spicey'" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-requiem-for-spicey/article_2e404b2a-7176-11e7-adeb-9f3b872b5a54.html

Farewell, Sean Spicer, we hardly knew ye. So much has happened in the past month since I've written about this White House, but I would be remiss if I let this occasion pass without making note of the press secretary's departure.

2017-08-02 - "House of Burgess - 'The Mooch' lasts just 10 days" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-the-mooch-lasts-just-days/article_0dba09c4-76ec-11e7-92f3-9f5c3dc70f66.html

The knives are out inside the White House.

2017-08-09 - "House of Burgess - Trump endorses police brutality" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trump-endorses-police-brutality/article_59fb6524-7c70-11e7-b00c-6b6941ebef70.html

One wonders how Trump's stance on prisoner treatment will evolve if those close to him start being the ones in handcuffs.

2017-08-16 - "House of Burgess - My grandfathers fought Nazis" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-my-grandfathers-fought-nazis/article_0c8dfdae-828a-11e7-926c-0b8789c798c5.html

My grandfathers didn't put their lives on the line 75 years ago opposing Nazis just for me to stand by quietly now that Hitler cosplayers are carrying around lighted party decorations. They fought Nazis then so I could use my voice against Nazis now. My silence today would dishonor their sacrifice.

2017-08-23 - "House of Burgess - Trump defends Confederate statues" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trump-defends-confederate-statues/article_ab5c4190-87fb-11e7-93e0-ff76daede976.html

I've always loved history. But it matters which parts we celebrate.

2017-08-30 - "House of Burgess - Trump issues 1st presidential pardon" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-trump-issues-st-presidential-pardon/article_12f7bc16-8cda-11e7-b13e-03986d592d26.html

I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if Trump tries to pardon everyone in his inner circle, up to and including himself, before this is all over. That is, unless congressional Republicans finally decide to actually do something more than furrow their brows about it.

2017-09-06 - "House of Burgess - It's Robert Mueller time" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-it-s-robert-mueller-time/article_adfbd446-93ff-11e7-a7db-07c2439fca32.html

I have great faith in these two public servants. I have no doubt they will see this inquiry through to the end. I just have one request, though, my dudes: Please hurry. My heart can't take much more of this.

2017-09-13 - "House of Burgess - Equifax hacked; execs sell stock" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-equifax-hacked-execs-sell-stock/article_abaf7752-97f0-11e7-b44a-2f634ddee72d.html

Do we all change our identities at once now? Who stole the information? How? And who is going to punish these executives?

2017-09-20 - "House of Burgess - Spicer earns laughs" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-spicer-earns-laughs/article_23886510-9d6c-11e7-a9d9-27c5286827c3.html

According to a June 30 annual report to Congress on White House officer personnel salaries, Spicer was paid at a rate of \$179,700 per year. Anyone compensated that well by the American people to lie to the American people on a daily basis deserves our unending scorn. Oh, we're laughing — but you are the joke.

2017-09-27 - "House of Burgess - Remember why Kaepernick knelt to anthem" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-remember-why-kaepernick-knelt-to-anthem/article_dbdda97c-a393-11e7-9fc4-f35f50344274.html

Kaepernick is still out of work for taking a principled stand back when he was all by himself. The issues he raised continue to fester as the focus shifts to a targeted rebuke of our president's deranged verbal assault. As the football season trudges on under this black cloud of Trump-fueled division and controversy, let us remind ourselves why Kaepernick put his livelihood on the line in the first place.

2017-10-04 - "House of Burgess - Twitter ban Trump?" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-twitter-ban-trump/article_ed04edd0-a863-11e7-aac9-dfc401b455eb.html

If humanity comes to a fiery end because of one of Trump's ill-conceived tweets, it will be all your fault, Jack. And the worst part is, I won't even be around to say I told you so.

2017-10-11 - "House of Burgess - Petty's music transcends all lines" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-petty-s-music-transcends-all-lines/article_46b39bbe-adf1-11e7-88e7-b352a9698c07.html

Last week did not get off to what I would call a great start. First, 58 were murdered and nearly 500 more were wounded late Oct. 1 in Las Vegas in what is now the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history. Then, just a few hours later, legendary guitarist, songwriter and singer Tom Petty was discovered at home unconscious and in full cardiac arrest.

2017-10-18 - "House of Burgess - Kaepernick charges collusion" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-kaepernick-charges-collusion/article_1363c1e2-b366-11e7-8bd9-fb52f7c2ae81.html

It's so far unclear how the NFL will ultimately rule on the larger question. His collusion charge has plenty of circumstantial evidence on its side, but it won't be until the discovery phase that we will know how provable such a case would be. If the league did conspire to make an example of him, they failed miserably. Whatever the outcome, it's pointless to continue this apparent blackballing. Movements are larger than one man.

2017-10-25 - "House of Burgess - What's left to say about Trump" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/house-of-burgess-what-s-left-to-say-about-trump/article_8abbd394-b9a4-11e7-9404-636e0f1dd775.html

I'm not saying this is the last thing I'll ever write about Trump. (He still is president, after all.) But, this is me throwing up my hands. I'm at a loss. What's that phrase the kids are using these days? Oh, yeah: Jesus take the wheel.

2017-11-01 - "House of Burgess - Thanks for memories, Kokomo" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/house_of_burgess/house-of-burgess-thanks-for-memories-kokomo/article_7ce610b8-bf03-11e7-8264-7794c55cae24.html

After 288 weekly columns, it is my duty to inform you this will be my final House of Burgess for the Kokomo Tribune. I've met some amazing people during my time here, readers and coworkers. It's safe to say I'll never forget any of you.

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You don't have to agree with the law, you just have to follow it.

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If Pence can claim victory on this issue, expect his national profile within the party to rise briskly.

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As has become tradition across the country over the past three decades during the first Tuesday in August, police departments in Kokomo and Miami County were just a few of the localities nationwide

that took part in National Night Out.

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The campaign for the Kokomo Family YMCA's Beyond the Bricks Drive to build a new facility has seen several major successes as of late.

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As many people in this community know first-hand, when the wave of tornadoes ravaged Kokomo last November, the United Way of Howard County was one of the many groups on the ground, ready to help those in need. The Taste of Kokomo, scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday in Foster Park, is an excellent opportunity for the community to show its gratitude.

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The images this week of Ferguson, Missouri in the wake of the civil unrest caused by the death of unarmed African-American teenager Michael Brown have been shocking to say the least. Were the dateline removed from the pictures, one could easily imagine them emanating from some far-away war zone, and not a suburb of St. Louis.

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We've all seen them on the streets, and their popularity is only growing. Mopeds have coasted in a legal grey area for years in Indiana. A lack of registration, testing and licensure allowed those without other means of transport to join other vehicles on the road without many prerequisites, often making for dangerous driving for all involved.

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Despite this imbalance, voter turnout during the last municipal election in Ferguson was a dismal 12 percent. When Rev. Al Sharpton called Ferguson's voter participation rate "an insult to your children," on Aug. 17 at Greater Grace Church, it rang true.

2014-08-29 - "Editorial - All roads lead to SCOTUS" [Page: A4]

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The new SCOTUS term begins the first week of October. To the nine justices: We need an answer. The ball is squarely in your court.

2014-09-09 - "Editorial - Pence 2016 - Time will tell" [Page: A4]

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The amount of speculation surrounding Indiana Republican Gov. Mike Pence's intentions regarding a possible presidential run in 2016 has been growing steadily over the past few weeks. For his part, Pence has refused to be pinned down, despite giving off strong signals.

2014-09-12 - "Editorial - Putting state to the test" [Page: A4]

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Students need to be tracked on an individual basis. As it stands now, entire classrooms are under the state's microscope. This shift will allow students to be compared to their own previous scores, allowing progress to be measured much more appropriately and discerningly.

2014-09-14 - "Editorial - Caring for the whole year" [Page: A4]

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If anyone wanted to know what the United Way of Howard County is all about, all they had to do is take a look around downtown Sept. 6 during the organization's annual Day of Caring.

2014-09-21 - "Editorial - NFL drops the football" [Page: A4]

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It is to Goodell's and the NFL's eternal shame these incidents were so tremendously mishandled. Goodell is now in damage-control mode, announcing a review and overhaul of the league's domestic violence policy. That's a step in the right direction, but remember what actually caused them to take action. It wasn't the incidents themselves, but the outrage. The loss of revenue was the only cry the NFL heard.

2014-09-25 - "Editorial - Be a part of the debate" [Page: A4]

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Local elections may be the most important and impactful of all, and our form of government only works when the electorate is engaged and curious. If you're unsure of whom to vote for this November, do yourself and everyone else a favor and submit your concerns and attend the debates.

2014-09-28 - "Editorial - Peru Police Department needs a fix" [Page: A5]

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Clearly, something is amiss in the Peru Police Department. What is staggering to us is how little has been done to correct what is clearly a systemic problem. In Walker's Sept. 16 statement to the press announcing Kennedy's departure, he called the campaign against Kennedy "mean spirited," but said no officers would face disciplinary action.

2014-10-03 - "Editorial - On the path to recycling" [Page: A4]

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Everywhere you look, local leaders are obviously attempting to make sure Kokomo is ready for the future. One of those components has to involve being open to changing the ways we deal with our waste. And as much as we'd all like it to happen immediately, making sure this program is viable for years to come is paramount.

2014-10-12 - "Editorial - Pros, cons of cameras" [Page: A4]

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As Tribune crime reporter Mike Fletcher reported Oct. 3, 61 of the 103 sworn Kokomo police officers will soon have body-worn cameras. This technology offers advantages, and concerns.

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Before the Indianapolis Colts take to Heinz Field to square off against the Pittsburgh Steelers Oct. 26, a clash far more controversial than anything during the game is scheduled to take place. Nancy Brinker, Susan G. Komen Foundation founder, is set to accept a \$100,000 check from Martin Craighead, chairman of oil and fracking company Baker Hughes Inc. Both entities have faced sharp criticism this month after the partnership — now in its second year — was announced; and rightly so. The irony of Baker Hughes producing 1,000 pink fracking drill bits in celebration was nearly too outrageous to believe.

2014-10-19 - “Editorial - Death causes public, court says” [Page: A4]

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In a majority opinion authored by Justice Mark Massa Oct. 7, the Indiana Supreme Court sided unanimously in favor of public access to causes of death.

2014-10-24 - “Editorial - Smoothing the transition” [Page: A4]

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As we reported in our front page story Wednesday, three Indiana University campuses — IU Kokomo, IU South Bend and IU Northwest — are sharing a three-year, \$450,000 grant to provide academic support and financial incentives for Ivy Tech students to transfer to IU to complete a four-year degree. Major kudos should be awarded to the Kresge Foundation — a \$3 billion private, national foundation — which made the program possible through its generous donation.

2014-10-26 - “Editorial - Here comes Election Day” [Page: A4]

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Well, this is it. This is your chance to put your ballot where your mouth is. If you’ve ever complained about how local government is run, your time to take action is nigh.

2014-11-04 - “Editorial - Gun safety is essential [Page: A4]

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When it comes to deadly weapons like firearms, even a moment’s inattention can rip families apart forever. These stories are so frustrating because they are so preventable.

2014-11-09 - “Editorial - Republicans win, for now” [Page: A4]

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There's no two ways about it, Tuesday was a rough one for Democrats locally, statewide and around the country. But before conservatives get too excited or liberals get too depressed, here are a few points to consider:

2014-11-21 - "Editorial - The public's right to know" [Page: A4]

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Hoosiers support the right to know what government at all levels is up to, and they believe public notices in community newspapers are a trusted source of that transparency.

2014-11-23 - "Editorial - Pence checks all the boxes" [Page: A4]

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Given this field, a button-down, old-school candidate like Pence, who has the potential to build a wide base of support in the party, would be pretty hard to beat.

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No matter how you feel about this case, understanding the difference between a jury trial and a grand jury, especially this one, is essential to speaking intelligently on this case.

2014-12-05 - "Editorial - Downtown rejuvenated" [Page: A4]

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Credit is due to those in our community with the long-range vision to help these ideas become reality. Outward growth means nothing to a city with a rotten core. Kokomo is far from the only community in this country to struggle with this problem. What makes us different is our response.

2014-12-07 - "Editorial - We can't breathe, either" [Page: A4] (Print headline: "Case leaves us short of breath.")

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This outrage must result in action. Most police officers are decent, working class people just trying to get home to their families like everyone else. The result of the Garner case and those like it sullies the uniform and breeds justifiable distrust in the communities they are sworn to serve. We need leadership from the federal government on not just this case, but with police misconduct in general. It's getting harder and harder to breathe.

2014-12-14 - "Editorial - Take it to the voters" [Page: A4]

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Now, if state superintendent was a position appointed by the governor instead of a separately elected position, would it not place the blame or credit for education policy in the state squarely on the governor's shoulders? Some say it would increase accountability in the state's chief executive and reduce education-policy gridlock, while others say it would turn the office into a rubber stamp. So, here's our solution:

Let the voters decide. This issue should be decided by referendum. It's an idea at least worth considering.

2014-12-19 - "Editorial - Don't give in to terrorists" [Page: A4]

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If it does turn out to be the North Koreans behind this attack, it will only prove totalitarianism has no sense of humor. This isn't surprising as it has always been that way. What is shocking is the cowardice shown in the face of this threat. How shameful of Sony to buckle to the pressure of the cyberterrorists. Freedom of speech and freedom from censorship are two bedrock American principles. What precedent does this set for the future? This may have started with a comedy, but this response isn't amusing in the slightest.

2015-01-06 - "Editorial - Running for two offices" [Page: A4]

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As was reported in an Associated Press story we published Thursday, state Sen. Mike Delph is set to introduce a measure allowing Gov. Mike Pence to run for both re-election and the presidency simultaneously.

2015-01-13 - "Editorial - Boost, but for whom?" [Page: A4]

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Gov. Mike Pence has suggested an increase in school funding in his budget proposal released Thursday. But, there is a catch: Most of that would go to private school vouchers and charter schools.

2015-01-20 - “Editorial - Court finally ready to speak” [Page: A4]

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Finally. As reported in an Associated Press story we published Saturday, the Supreme Court of the United States is set to rule on whether same-sex couples have a right under the Constitution to marry everywhere in the country.

2015-02-06 - “Editorial - Gun training should be mandatory” [Page: A4]

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No matter what you think of gun rights in this country, one thing should be clear: It only takes one moment of inattention, one pull of the trigger to bring someone’s life to an abrupt conclusion. Some training and respect for firearms really isn’t not much to ask of those who wish to wield such power in public. We recognize the need when it comes to automobiles, why not here? It certainly won’t prevent every accident, but it couldn’t hurt.

2015-02-15 - “Editorial - Beheading law is inane” [Page: A5]

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This is an easy issue for legislators to get behind because there’s very little risk associated with being tough on beheading. It smacks of a pre-made political ad.

2015-02-22 - “Editorial - Freedom to discriminate” [Page: A4]

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This discriminatory legislation is mean-spirited and economically nonsensical, especially to those who don't have the luxury of shopping around.

2015-03-04 - "Editorial - Let's talk about sex" [Page: A4]

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Clearly, our policy of just say no isn't cutting it for our young people, especially our girls who are becoming pregnant and suffering sexual violence at much higher rates than most of the rest of the nation. These numbers are an embarrassment and cry out for an instant course correction. Education and understanding is the only way out of this mess, not another helping of ignorance.

2015-03-08 - "Editorial - Time for some spring cleaning" [Page: A5]

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Showing pride in your property encourages neighbors to show pride in theirs. Such a community shouts civic pride to visitors. Show your community spirit and help Kokomo bloom this spring.

2015-03-15 - "Editorial - Think before you hit 'send'" [Page: A5]

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Don't put anything in an email that you wouldn't mind seeing on the front page of the newspaper. This modern cliché has come to life for several state and national figures recently.

2015-03-22 - "Editorial - Thanks for not signing" [Page: A4]

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The Obama administration currently is working with the United Kingdom, Russia, China, France and Germany on a sensitive nuclear deal with Iran. The deadline for such a compact is March 31. Time is of the essence, and the stakes couldn't be higher. So, when Tom Cotton, Arkansas' junior senator, used his 65th day in office to issue a direct letter to Iranian leaders March 9, his breach of the Constitution and general protocol made waves throughout the world.

2015-03-29 - "Editorial - State GOP ignores the economy"

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Adopted June 7, 2014, the Indiana Republican Party could have begun the platform with any topic. It chose the heading: "Jobs and Economic Growth." "We are committed to creating an environment where jobs and our economy can grow," it read. "The proper role of government in this equation is to get out of the way The Pence Administration's overarching goal is more jobs in Indiana than ever before." After what happened in secret Thursday, the state's GOP should renounce this platform as a matter of consistency. Republican Gov. Mike Pence convened a private ceremony wherein he signed Senate Bill 101, the state's "Religious Freedom Restoration Act." No one in his circle should be shocked by the backlash. It's not as if they weren't warned.

2015-04-03 - "Editorial - Exchanges are needed" [Page: A4]

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This is frustrating beyond words. Perhaps if we had needle exchanges in the state to begin with, an emergency measure wouldn't need to be passed. And while we applaud the governor for finally allowing some exchanges, he apparently doesn't understand the magnitude of the crisis and still opposes them statewide.

2015-04-12 - "Editorial - State's 'Reefer Madness'" [Page: A5]

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This isn't about recreational marijuana, or even medical marijuana. Those terms would only serve to confuse the debate here. You can't get high on hemp no matter how hard you try. What we're talking about here is sick kids and their parents. Why must Indiana continue to be stuck in this backward mode when it comes to something this innocuous, especially when we've come so far?

2015-04-19 - "Editorial - Your move, Kokomo" [Page: A5, promo on A1]

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This debate isn't going anywhere. The Legislature punted this for another session with their "fix." Cities such as Kokomo need to take responsibility and lead where state lawmakers have failed us. We hope the fact this is a municipal election year isn't inhibiting the mayor and city council from doing what is right. Leaders in Martinsville and other municipalities have spoken with a clear voice. Your move, Kokomo.

2015-04-26 - "Editorial - In politics, cash talks" [Page: A5]

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If we want any semblance of democracy to make a return, we have to figure out a way to significantly reduce the amount of money being injected into our political races. This is the game politicians believe they must play in order to remain competitive. Our current state of affairs, both locally and nationally, means years of continued, endless fundraising as elections grow ever costlier. Ideas should rule, not checkbooks.

2015-05-03 - “Editorial - Here come the challengers” [Page: A4]

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Clearly, both local and national politicians on the left have learned Napoleon Bonaparte’s famous maxim: “When your enemy is executing a false movement, never interrupt him.”

2015-05-12 - “Editorial - Infant deaths Indiana's shame” [Page: A4]

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Indiana is above average, but not by a measure of which anyone should be proud: infant mortality.

**2015-05-17 - “Editorial - Reasons for the cull” [Page: A5]
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When teachers leave the profession shortly after heading into the workforce, it costs all of us dearly in a myriad of ways. Teachers need

our support to do the one thing they desperately want to do: their jobs.

2015-05-24 - “Editorial - Supporting our troops” [Page: A4]

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Memorial Day is Monday, which may simply mean a three-day weekend for some people. Kokomo residents should know well the meaning of the holiday centers around honoring those who have died while serving in our armed forces. While those who serve our country are still with us, though, we should show them the respect they deserve. Don't let the bumper sticker slogan of “Support Our Troops” ring hollow.

2015-06-17 - “Editorial - New net neutrality threat” [Page: A4]

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House Republicans have launched a new attack on net neutrality; this time through the purse strings.

2015-06-21 - “Editorial - Down with the rebel flag” [Page: A5]

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On Friday, Republican South Carolina state Rep. Norman “Doug” Branno, told MSNBC’s Chris Hayes he would be introducing legislation in December to remove this symbol from the Statehouse. “I had a friend die Wednesday night for no reason other than he was a black man,” Brannon told Hayes in a phone interview. “Sen. Pinckney was an incredible human being. ... I’m gonna introduce the bill for that reason.” We applaud Rep. Branno for his courage on this issue. For how can we truly say we mourn the victims of this racist terrorist attack if we still fly this outdated flag of oppression over government offices?

2015-06-28 - “Editorial - 'It is so ordered,' court says” [Page: A4]

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Today, we can all celebrate the promises our Constitution makes are now redeemable by all citizens, straight or not. It is amazing how slow progress seems to take most of the time, until moments like this happen and one can hardly keep up. But let us remember how much work we have left to do, and that marriage equality only came about due to the tireless efforts of so many who toiled for this day.

2015-07-05 - “Editorial - Not enough for Wagoner” [Page: A5]

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Long after Wagoner himself has passed away, the legacy of his destruction will live on in this community.

2015-07-12 - “Editorial - Mental-health court needed” [Page: A5]

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We applaud the county, and especially Judge Parry, for spearheading this program. It does our county no favors when we criminalize mental illness out-of-hand. These offenders need our help, not more punishment for being sick.

2015-07-19 - “Editorial - Baby boxes worth a look [Page: A4]

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We should absolutely continue working towards creating conditions for mothers where this won't seem like an attractive option. While we agree with this notion, it seems cruel to deny these children a shot at life in the meantime.

2015-07-26 - "Editorial - Will GOP tap Trump" [Page: A4]

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Trump is a ridiculous person. His campaign, such as it is, mostly hype. But with this many supporters, you ignore it at your own peril.

2015-08-02 - "Editorial - Fox opens up debates to all" [Page: A4]

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Seeing another clown car on the horizon, Fox News Channel hinged admittance to the debate stage on who had the averaged highest poll numbers as of two days before the debate. After an outcry, Fox relented.

2015-08-09 - “Editorial - Pence thumbs nose at EPA”

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What’s the use of jobs, governor, if we’re all too ill to work?

2015-08-16 - “Editorial - Restore the Voting Rights Act” [Page: A4]

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With the 50th anniversary of this historic federal law being celebrated this month, we must push our legislators on this issue. Anything less is an insult to those fought for that most fundamental of American freedoms: the right to vote.

2015-08-23 - “Editorial - Our dispatch is in disarray” [Page: A5]

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These are but a few of the ways we could improve matters. Fingers being pointed help no one. There is an amicable way to resolve this. It doesn’t have to be political just because we’re in a campaign season. For everyone’s safety, please, work together and fix this.

2015-08-28 - "Editorial - Don't view the videos" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-don-t-view-the-videos/article_d0752bbe-4cbf-11e5-b3b4-a73e4730d72c.html

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Let us pause here and recognize the brave efforts of Parker, Ward and the entire WDBJ-TV news team. Even in his last moments, Ward's camera managed to capture a parting image of his murderer. This screen grab was crucial to law enforcement, which used it to identify Flanagan. In the following hours, the WDBJ journalists who kept reporting through their tears and grief earned our respect. That's how you honor these journalists, by doing your job the way it's meant to be done. Even under the worst circumstances.

2015-08-30 - "Editorial - Three cheers for recycling"

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-three-cheers-for-recycling/article_338a38be-4dc6-11e5-b86b-f39e665bce49.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-three-cheers-for-recycling/article_338a38be-4dc6-11e5-b86b-f39e665bce49.html?mode=print

Our community must maintain its commitment to recycling. We cannot allow our waste to be disposed of in the manner in which we've become accustomed. Any of us of who have children have more than enough motivation to push for this. The continued wanton use of our finite resources will lead to our ultimate ruin without drastic change in our lifetimes. We can't keep living in a disposable, one-time-use world if we have any chance of handing the next generation a shot at a bright future.

2015-09-08 - "Editorial - Indiana needs new drug plan" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-indiana-needs-new-drug-plan/article_70f11e40-54a9-11e5-8b5b-df63551b15e4.html

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-indiana-needs-new-drug-plan/article_70f11e40-54a9-11e5-8b5b-df63551b15e4.html?mode=print

We commend Pence for realizing the seriousness of this issue. However, we hold our applause until we find out what answers this commission comes back with. If it's nothing more than the same punitive, get-tough nonsense we've been seeing for the last half a century, then it should be back to the drawing board. We will expect nothing less than a radical course change. Otherwise, 45 years from now we'll be right back in the same position — if not worse.

2015-09-20 - “Editorial - Zero tolerance with zero sense” [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-zero-tolerance-with-zero-sense/article_7b0165e0-5eed-11e5-a57a-5b3dd1154f03.html

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Ahmed Mohamed says he's going to transfer school districts. Charges will not be filed, and he has been invited to share his clock with President Obama. But not everyone gets to be a cause célèbre. Sometimes you just get your future severely hampered over nothing.

2015-09-27 - “Editorial - Trump, Carson court bigotry” [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-trump-carson-court-bigotry/article_4b0248d2-649c-11e5-b5d3-8797f6540aa7.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-trump-carson-court-bigotry/article_4b0248d2-649c-11e5-b5d3-8797f6540aa7.html?mode=print

Unlike more establishment Republicans like Powell and McCain, these outsiders with no government experience aren't eschewing fact-free bigotry. Quite to the contrary: they are downright courting it. Granted, we are still in primary season when candidates speak to the base of the party instead of attempting to broaden their appeal to a general audience, but as Americans we should be ever wary of this small-minded pandering.

2015-10-04 - “Editorial - Light at end of the tunnel” [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-light-at-end-of-the-tunnel/article_a1737f10-6947-11e5-8b45-5bf0eac88c73.html

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If all goes to plan, we'll have more jobs, curbside recycling and a fiscally solvent plan to keep it all running. Now that there's a light at the end of this tunnel, let's see this through to the end.

2015-10-18 - "Editorial -Greentown utility rates out of control" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-greentown-utility-rates-out-of-control/article_1841ba6c-7447-11e5-b1f5-230ecc5fe121.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-greentown-utility-rates-out-of-control/article_1841ba6c-7447-11e5-b1f5-230ecc5fe121.html?mode=print

This is negatively impacting the school district, residents and businesses. Look at the big picture, town council. This problem isn't going away.

**2015-10-25 - "Editorial - Prescription for disaster" [Page: A5]
Re-published: 2015-12-23 [Page: A4]**

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-prescription-for-disaster/article_296a54c8-7a8e-11e5-89f5-cfe277e18c7b.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-prescription-for-disaster/article_296a54c8-7a8e-11e5-89f5-cfe277e18c7b.html?mode=print

It's time for our country to seriously consider joining the rest of developed world. Inaction is not an option as Shkreli and his ilk will continue turning obscene profits off the misery of others at every opportunity.

2015-11-01 - "Editorial - Good luck, Paul Ryan" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-good-luck-paul-ryan/article_2e5044f0-7f45-11e5-81b7-9745bf13e796.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-good-luck-paul-ryan/article_2e5044f0-7f45-11e5-81b7-9745bf13e796.html?mode=print

Even if you're not a Republican, you shouldn't wish for the current state of gridlock to continue. Our government requires a functioning legislative branch. Let's hope Ryan is up to the task.

2015-11-08 - "Editorial - Clerk's office flubs results" [Page: A4]

New URL: www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-clerk-s-office-flubs-results/article_6582d692-84d4-11e5-b29f-27a8962b92da.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-clerk-s-office-flubs-results/article_6582d692-84d4-11e5-b29f-27a8962b92da.html?mode=print

Election Day is on the calendar all year. Officials have ample time to prepare for this inherently busy day for local government. This sort of bungling is going to be a lot less tolerable when more voters make their way to the polls. We issue this reprimand only because we want to see our democracy function as smoothly as possible.

2015-11-15 - "Editorial - Think first, act last" [Page: A4, Promo: A1]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-think-first-act-last/article_d909a4aa-8b15-11e5-9cdc-cbe652752abd.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-think-first-act-last/article_d909a4aa-8b15-11e5-9cdc-cbe652752abd.html?mode=print

To the people of France: We love you. We mourn with you. You were our country's first ally and we stand with you now. It's not just our shared love of free assembly and expression that makes our two countries great. If we want to defeat these murdering fascists, we have to remember to take advantage of the one activity they refuse to engage in: critical thinking. The lone goal of a terrorist is to inspire terror. They win when we react in mindless fear.

2015-11-29 - "Editorial - Pence says no to refugees" [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-pence-says-no-to-refugees/article_eacd4934-96a6-11e5-b7e1-6ba2ee2c53a0.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-pence-says-no-to-refugees/article_eacd4934-96a6-11e5-b7e1-6ba2ee2c53a0.html?mode=print

Americans are apprehensive, but this is when we need leaders to reassure us and point out America's long-held policy of bringing in refugees.

2015-12-06 - "Editorial - Raise the gas tax" [Page: A4]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-raise-the-gas-tax/article_f723cbc0-9bad-11e5-9e36-678b966594c1.html

New Print URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-raise-the-gas-tax/article_f723cbc0-9bad-11e5-9e36-678b966594c1.html?mode=print

Whatever happens, the legislature and Gov. Pence need to be proactive, not reactive. We need a long-term solution, not short-term thinking. Let's maintain our roads in a timely manner. We need income coming in to address maintenance issues on an ongoing basis. It's not as if we can afford to let the roads we have completely deteriorate.

2015-12-13 - "Editorial - Trump plays an old game" [Page: A5]

New URL: http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-plays-an-old-game/article_372ea264-a052-11e5-b424-ef2f368d702b.html

New Print URL:

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-plays-an-old-game/article_372ea264-a052-11e5-b424-ef2f368d702b.html?mode=print

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Trump is incredibly cynical. He's playing his supporters like a fiddle. He knows exactly what he is doing. He knows a lot of people feel this way, and he's just shameless enough to tap into that fervor.

2016-01-24 - "Editorial - Something in the water" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-something-in-the-water/article_a5958de0-c13a-11e5-9914-e39f653db529.html

What is happening to the people of Flint, Michigan, is nothing less than an ongoing tragedy.

2016-01-31 - "Editorial - Thin-skinned Donald Trump" [Page: A5]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-thin-skinned-donald-trump/article_905f7234-c7ab-11e5-8410-a7782a94c785.html

Surely, these will not be the last such outbursts we see from Trump before his candidacy is through. Just remember this childish behavior the next time he tries to explain how tough and in favor of free speech he is.

2016-02-21 - "Editorial - 8-judge court helps no one" [Page: A5]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial--judge-court-helps-no-one/article_a1e942ae-d72e-11e5-b7cb-6379b7b5edd5.html

Whatever they may be saying now, the Republican establishment really doesn't want an extended period to elapse with an eight-judge Supreme Court.

2016-02-28 - "Editorial - Wintery driving tips" [Page: A5]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-wintery-driving-tips/article_74ee68ce-dcbf-11e5-9994-b37a947274af.html

It's February and, as you may have noticed, winter weather became a fact of life for commuters once again last week. We all want to get where we're going as quickly and safely as possible. In that spirit, we are presenting this short list of winter weather driving tips.

2016-03-06 - "Editorial - Parties look past voters" [Page: A5]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-parties-look-past-voters/article_ffe5911c-e306-11e5-b2b5-43d395450fdf.html

If these elites had wanted to stop to these upstarts, they should have struck back in legitimate ways much earlier in the campaigns. Otherwise, what was all this for?

2016-03-13 - "Editorial - Register to vote now" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-register-to-vote-now/article_45345eaa-e8bc-11e5-928b-dfa43a34ca37.html

You can share all the social media posts and articles and talking points you want, but the only way to have any real impact on your leaders, both local and national, is to register to vote and then actually show up on Election Day.

2016-03-22 - "Editorial - Senators, do your job" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-senators-do-your-job/article_e2bc55aa-f029-11e5-9213-83428b163fc1.html

As he promised to do, President Barack Obama made his selection Wednesday for the vacant Supreme Court seat left open by the death of Associate Justice Antonin Scalia. His pick was Merrick Garland, who is the chief federal judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

2016-03-27 - "Editorial - Remember our deputy" [Page: A5]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-remember-our-deputy/article_eb983c98-f448-11e5-a53d-4361b6f2d452.html

So, today, as you enjoy your ham or hunt for Easter eggs, remember those closest to Deputy Koontz, and the family and friends of others who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Holidays, birthdays and other special occasions will never be the same for them. We can never fix the deep pain they are no doubt feeling right now. But, we can offer our support.

2016-04-03 - "Editorial - Officials must rethink LLCs" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-officials-must-rethink-llcs/article_70292ed2-f998-11e5-9f86-1312da337c6d.html

According to an exclusive report by Tony Cook of The Indianapolis Star Tuesday, “a special prosecutor has been appointed to look into allegations that Monarch Beverage, the state’s largest beer distributor, illegally funneled more than \$1.5 million in campaign contributions to some of Indiana’s most powerful elected officials.”

2016-04-10 - “Editorial - Highest court at least works” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-highest-court-at-least-works/article_8fcfd1a2-fdc9-11e5-9d1f-a3903573a73c.html

With all this gridlock and obstructionism, we can at least take solace in the Supreme Court’s 8-to-0 decision Monday in the case of *Evenwel v. Abbott*.

2016-04-15 - “Editorial - Celebrate vinyl revival” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-celebrate-vinyl-revival/article_b33d0496-0280-11e6-9050-b356c3e02ffb.html

In recognition and encouragement of this sea change, Record Store Day has become an annual event across the country. This Saturday is no exception.

2016-04-24 - “Editorial - Vote early, vote once” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-vote-early-vote-once/article_85cf2368-08ca-11e6-85d8-e722d785e267.html

While you take the time to peruse our election guide we’ve printed in today’s paper, don’t waste any time in choosing your candidates, especially since it’s fresh on your mind.

2016-05-15 - “Editorial - Evangelicals lose ground” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-evangelicals-lose-ground/article_e21cf686-194b-11e6-b9e2-53bd4dbc41b7.html

For an insight into the evangelical right’s loss of efficacy in the state of Indiana, look no further than our esteemed Gov. Mike Pence. The devout Republican head of state has been grasping at straws lately, and he doesn’t even seem to understand why.

2016-05-22 - “Editorial - Rokita bill will hurt schoolkids” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-rokita-bill-will-hurt-schoolkids/article_6a2b1820-1ec7-11e6-a257-93fb61c91a12.html

The bill currently making its way through the U.S. House of Representatives would change the federal requirements for schools to offer free meals to all students.

2016-05-31 - “Editorial - Walkable Kokomo” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-walkable-kokomo/article_d530bd6e-25ac-11e6-b931-af07ea4dfe1e.html

As Speck put it, there are four requirements for making the walk enticing, that it be: useful, safe, comfortable and interesting. Though we are improving all the time as a city, we’ve come a long way to attaining that goal.

2016-06-05 - “Editorial - Don’t believe the hype” [Page: A5, promo on A1]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-don-t-believe-the-hype/article_b06d3a54-2aaa-11e6-bf1f-876d204fccf0.html

The fact released Tuesday in a report by the Pew Research Center that the Kokomo metro area had the largest wage drop in the entire country between 2000 and 2015 certainly didn’t sound like good news on the face of it. Removed from any context, this figure certainly sounded scary.

2016-06-12 - “Editorial - Put down that phone” [Page: A5]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-put-down-that-phone/article_220e6a7c-2f36-11e6-8805-1f9e866e4d2f.html

There are now more crashes related to texting and driving than drinking and driving.

2016-06-19 - “Editorial - Why do civilians need an AR-15?” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-why-do-civilians-need-an-ar/article_3b7b70ee-35ae-11e6-b044-23063310b1f6.html

The sad truth is that re-banning the AR-15 and the like won’t even begin to address the most prevalent weapon used in mass shootings: legally obtained handguns. That’s a much thornier issue. But, if we can’t even call the AR-15-style rifle a step too far, how do we imagine we’ll ever be able to address the larger gun problem in this country?

2016-06-26 - “Editorial - A skewed perception” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-a-skewed-perception/article_5e4c369e-3b99-11e6-a4af-6b509395427b.html

To us, the words “actual or perceived” mean you can’t discriminate against someone simply based on the fact you interpret them a certain way. Perceptions and assumptions can be wrong. And we hope we don’t have to tell you what happens when you assume.

2016-07-05 - “Editorial - Gun research block continues” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-gun-research-block-continues/article_923e24da-422e-11e6-b0d9-1b245f8d6d2d.html

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-gun-research-block-remains/article_0b42334c-a865-11e7-8919-6fd4c91797a0.html

Cold, hard facts should always be welcome in a debate as serious as this one. No one is saying either side can't have their intractable positions. What we are saying is that without the needed data in hand, we can't have an intelligent discussion on this issue. The CDC is uniquely qualified to do this research, yet it isn't allowed to do so for purely political reasons.

2016-07-10 - "Editorial - Track opioid deaths, state" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-track-opioid-deaths-state/article_b96ecbde-454b-11e6-a291-93633171bd9f.html

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Legislation should be considered by the state that would require every county to report opioid overdose deaths. This is now an issue in every state in the country and swift action is needed. Sharing data in a streamlined way should be the first order of business. This sort of information will be key, as local jurisdictions struggle with the idea of setting up what has been a controversial program.

2016-07-17 - "Editorial - Let's all talk to each other" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-let-s-all-talk-to-each-other/article_345623dc-4c2d-11e6-b4b1-07748d33a9d6.html

Like every city in the nation, Kokomo has had a well-documented and fraught history with race relations. This isn't news, or shouldn't be, anyway. What matters now is how we move forward.

2016-07-24 - "Editorial - They liked Mike, not Ted" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-they-liked-mike-not-ted/article_4148b516-51ad-11e6-bdd1-17e1a0845dba.html

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's speech Wednesday night at the Republican National Convention in Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland started out well enough. He congratulated one-time rival and now Republican nominee Donald Trump to applause. Then, the wheels started to come off.

2016-07-31 - "Editorial - Council's jail vote foolish" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/acrossindiana/editorial-council-s-jail-vote-foolish/article_623dc840-55c9-11e6-a394-73274478d492.html

It's difficult to put into words our frustration after Tuesday's Howard County Council meeting. As Tribune reporter George Myers wrote in

his story published Wednesday, a majority of councilmen rejected a perfectly logical, cost-saving solution for an exponentially more expensive path, with no hope of succeeding.

2016-08-14 - “Editorial - Trump lacks in leadership” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-lacks-in-leadership/article_efdf3e82-60d1-11e6-a0c6-4b648151f4a8.html

Donald Trump is a unique public speaker. He knows how to excite and entertain the crowd before him better than most. He can sense what will titillate. He knows how to creep right up to the edge of saying something truly bombastic, and leave just enough wiggle room to squirm out of in case his japes go south.

2016-09-25 - “Editorial - Talk issues, stop attacks” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-talk-issues-stop-attacks/article_e4f1a7ae-81cd-11e6-be47-af50627f12be.html

We need specifics on your ideas, not generalities from both of you. The future of our country is hanging in the balance. “Believe me” isn’t going to cut it.

2016-10-04 - “Editorial - Why select journalists?” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-why-select-journalists/article_13031d3c-8a37-11e6-8e1d-0772a7dd8bab.html

If the moderator is just meant to keep the flow of the debate moving and nothing else, maybe we could get that deep-voiced guy who does the voice-overs in all the movie previews to do it? Why have a journalist serve in this role at all?

2016-10-09 - “Editorial - Hillary Clinton for president” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-hillary-clinton-for-president/article_c741ef12-8d57-11e6-9771-4bc979804fd7.html

With early voting starting Wednesday, she is the Kokomo Tribune editorial board’s unanimous choice for president.

2016-10-16 - “Editorial - Vaccinate your dogs” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-vaccinate-your-dogs/article_03a1cc94-93d8-11e6-b494-cfc6ccb7e081.html

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-vaccinate-your-dogs/article_e3768628-b36e-11e7-afc2-53bbaa7fe5b5.html

Though there’s no remedy if animals do come down with the ailment, immunization is effective.

2016-10-30 - “Editorial - Leave the vets alone” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-leave-the-vets-alone/article_09163bce-9d6f-11e6-94ae-d3b6aed2e0cf.html

So let's spell this out: Men and women who bravely served overseas, who put their lives on hold and on the line to rejoin the military, were suddenly asked to give back the money they were promised long after most of them had probably spent it? You have to be kidding.

2016-11-06 - "Editorial - Early voting a success" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-early-voting-a-success/article_427d5710-a451-11e6-be4d-d34c00233b9a.html

This election perfectly shows why early voting is not only popular, but necessary. Howard County has cottoned to the concept quite well.

2016-11-20 - "Editorial - Three cheers for solar park" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-three-cheers-for-solar-park/article_08fede38-add8-11e6-b4a5-234655ca097a.html

As Tribune reporter George Myers wrote in his front-page story Wednesday, the finish line is in sight for Kokomo's new solar park.

2016-12-04 - "Editorial - Division Road light must go" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-division-road-light-must-go/article_f1a14a74-b8da-11e6-a1b9-7bef7922a847.html

Often one or two vehicles will stop at the Division Road light, holding up all passing traffic on U.S. 31 for no reason. A stop sign at this juncture would serve just as well.

2016-12-11 - "Editorial - Trump must take briefings" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-must-take-briefings/article_7faedb52-bf42-11e6-a211-c3180b6d1648.html

You don't know everything, Mr. President-elect. It's time to start cracking the books.

2017-01-10 - "Editorial - Coats good fit for intelligence" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-coats-good-fit-for-intelligence/article_46b9cfde-d69c-11e6-86e8-4366e9feb6c7.html

President-elect Donald Trump Thursday selected former Indiana Sen. Dan Coats to lead the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, according to The Associated Press.

2017-01-15 - “Editorial - 'No-coffee' law needed” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-no-coffee-law-needed/article_1a4f1af4-d9d4-11e6-87de-f3487370007d.html

When the people send their fellow citizens to the Statehouse, they do so with the understanding that they will be representing those who put them there and no one else. The current solution is a half-measure and nowhere near good enough. Delph’s instincts on this issue are correct.

2017-01-19 - “Editorial - Thanks, Obama” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-thanks-obama/article_09967b60-de4a-11e6-ad12-7fc8112249b0.html

“Thanks, Obama!” That’s been a catchphrase for the 44th president’s critics. But in this context, we mean it sincerely.

2017-01-22 - “Editorial - Trump paints bleak picture” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-trump-paints-bleak-picture/article_c164cece-e03c-11e6-85ce-f75ebffcbb07.html

If Friday’s inauguration address was any indication, President Donald Trump doesn’t think much of the state of the nation he now leads.

2017-01-29 - “Editorial - Remember those who died” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-remember-those-who-died/article_9b04c8d2-e5c4-11e6-81f4-97cd81e9de26.html

Taking humans to space and returning them to Earth is an utterly mind-boggling proposition if you stop to think about it. On balance, it’s amazing so few have lost their lives while reaching toward the stars. But, for those who have sacrificed themselves in this endeavor, we thank you. We won’t forget your sacrifice.

2017-02-01 - “Editorial - Senators still must do their jobs” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-senators-still-must-do-their-jobs/article_603b3f47-e721-56bf-9046-62c90539d746.html

It is a travesty Garland didn’t get a fair hearing. It shouldn’t be repeated with Gorsuch.

2017-02-03 - “Editorial - Time to end Sunday ban” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-time-to-end-sunday-ban/article_feff0e40-e9ae-11e6-bd87-ff8128b7cceb.html

It’s embarrassing for our state to be so behind the rest of the country on this matter. There’s no defense for keeping the ban. Boots’ bill should be approved. We’ll raise a glass to that.

2017-02-05 - “Editorial - Time to end the dinner” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-time-to-end-the-dinner/article_e220f3ec-eb3e-11e6-9ac1-231c2bd8bcae.html

How, exactly, does one maintain that adversarial spirit when you’re hobnobbing with the very sources you’re supposed to be covering and jockeying for space on the red carpet?

2017-02-12 - “Editorial - Gov. Holcomb starts strong” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-gov-holcomb-starts-strong/article_997a1698-f0b9-11e6-bfb0-b374182ea335.html

If Holcomb keeps this up he may be remembered as one of the best governors we’ve had yet. We wish him continued success.

2017-02-19 - “Editorial - Drug price hike unfair” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-drug-price-hike-unfair/article_e702ae0c-f555-11e6-bd35-2b6b2bbfb0e5.html

We know the cost of opioid addiction in Howard County, and if this drug becomes unaffordable, the drug companies responsible for this price hike have blood on their hands.

2017-02-23 - “Editorial - Rights vote anniversary” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-rights-vote-anniversary/article_cb9236f6-f960-11e6-bbad-f3212768295a.html

We once again praise the Common Council for their vision on this issue. It's a good thing we didn't wait for someone higher up the food chain to make a similar stand. We'd still be waiting for them to do the right thing.

2017-02-26 - “Editorial - 'Face your constituents'” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-face-your-constituents/article_9c43f724-fbc5-11e6-bafa-173c858c7ba6.html

It's not just that they are denying their voters the right to meet with them face-to-face, they are also denying themselves the opportunity to listen to their concerns in person. Both sides lose out.

2017-03-02 - “Editorial - Time for smoking ban” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-time-for-smoking-ban/article_523d45ea-feeaa-11e6-8112-d375d9fe657d.html

We hope both legislative bodies will do the right thing Monday and approve the county-wide ban.

2017-03-05 - “Editorial - PASTArrific should rise again” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-pastarrific-should-rise-again/article_34626e68-013a-11e7-ae4-a741bcbb1b83.html

We look forward to the restaurant opening once again, and not just because of the food. We want to see the people behind it get back on their feet as well.

2017-03-12 - “Editorial - Sunshine Week begins” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorial-sunshine-week-begins/article_80f8cac0-06c0-11e7-939d-17fce82a837b.html

Today marks the start of Sunshine Week 2017. This highlighting of open government was established in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors. This year, ASNE, The Associated Press and the Associated Press Media Editors, a group representing AP-affiliated news organizations, are teaming up to mark the importance of press freedoms for Sunshine Week and beyond.

2017-03-16 - “Editorial - A look into our past” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-a-look-into-our-past/article_2d637172-09e9-11e7-a1f1-9bc5b6a66b5e.html

Facing what has happened in the past is an important part of navigating the future. Simply forgetting it because it doesn't fit into a neatly-packaged narrative does no one any good. There will be other messy historical incidents that will need to be remembered as time progresses. May they be treated with the same respect as this episode.

2017-03-19 - “Editorial - AHCA will hurt Trump voters” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-ahca-will-hurt-trump-voters/article_b8f3414e-0c38-11e7-bc3c-3feb4a24ad18.html

If the AHCA passes, it promises to directly target the very voters who led Trump and the GOP to victory in November. What happens next should be remembered by these “forgotten men and women.”

2017-03-23 - “Editorial - \$20 per hour for public records?” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-per-hour-for-public-records/article_93101cd6-0f67-11e7-9e2d-2ff3721bc8b0.html

This isn't a problem only for journalists. You, the public, will be kept more in the dark than ever if this passes. Call your legislator and demand this unfair idea be voted down.

2017-03-24 - “Editorial - Spring break home safety” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-spring-break-home-safety/article_58c2348c-102b-11e7-a4b3-b37495ca3ecf.html

As any student enrolled in Kokomo's schools could tell you, two weeks of glorious spring break officially begins at the end of today's school

day. For many families in the area it will mean getting out of town. So, with that in mind, here are some tips culled from a longer list by Sara Elliot of HowStuffWorks for keeping your home safe while on spring break.

2017-03-24 - “Editorial - Now let’s fix the ACA” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-now-let-s-fix-the-aca/article_9072fdbe-10fb-11e7-a9ad-330fadb32d77.html

Now the real work begins. No one on any side of the health care debate thinks Obamacare is perfect; far from it. It was a major improvement from the state of affairs it replaced, but it still needs much work.

2017-03-30 - “Editorial - More pre-K funding needed” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-more-pre-k-funding-needed/article_1d146c4a-14ca-11e7-b8a0-737042215ad8.html

We need to invest all we can into helping our children get ahead during this integral time. It will pay off for all of us in the end if we do.

2017-04-02 - “Editorial - State’s alcohol laws a mess” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-state-s-alcohol-laws-a-mess/article_39945db0-1733-11e7-9e48-e7f05bd9255a.html

This may not come as a shock to you, but Indiana’s alcohol sales laws are a mess.

2017-04-06 - “Editorial - Civil Rights Act protects LGBT” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-civil-rights-act-protects-lgbt/article_7ac3a11c-1a56-11e7-81e9-c785ceffa631.html

We believe Posner and the majority ruled correctly in this case. We hope the nation’s highest court will follow the same logic if this case reaches their chambers.

2017-04-09 - “Editorial - McConnell’s cynical plan pays off” [Page: A4]

www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-mcconnell-s-cynical-plan-pays-off/article_943a0daa-1cb0-11e7-896c-83dc1c56f445.html

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, broke two longstanding American political traditions during the last 13 months, and it will pay off for decades to come.

2017-04-13 - “Editorial - Beginning to address alcohol laws” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-beginning-to-address-alcohol-laws/article_4ef494c8-1fd9-11e7-84c0-4f84d1a05dc8.html

We haven't fixed the state's jumbled alcohol laws by any measure, but the first step in the direction of a solution has to be admitting we have a problem.

2017-04-14 - “Editorial - Student journalists deserve protection” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-student-journalists-deserve-protection/article_be7398b0-20a3-11e7-844e-57b2470ade86.html

House Bill 1130 would have been a powerful affirmation of the First Amendment in Indiana. That was, if it had only passed. The student journalists behind the push have seen their effort disintegrate in the face of cold, hard bureaucracy.

2017-04-16 - “Editorial - Big box failing, so shop local” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-big-box-failing-so-shop-local/article_e9117596-2167-11e7-b392-fb6f6bed498d.html

When you shop locally you're investing in your community. It's time to turn this crisis into an opportunity.

2017-04-20 - “Editorial - Record Store Day here again” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-record-store-day-here-again/article_96c15476-255b-11e7-aa13-b317818cdd9e.html

Since the first one in 2008, Record Store Day has been celebrated every April in cities across the country. Saturday will see yet another year of music and fun as American Dream Hi Fi, located at 109 E. Sycamore St., is set to take part once again.

2017-04-23 - “Editorial - Governor should veto solar bill” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-governor-should-veto-solar-bill/article_154d9a24-27ba-11e7-aa2a-a761ac103920.html

A bill which would make it less desirable to use renewable energy in our state, Senate Bill 309, is headed to the desk of Gov. Eric Holcomb. If he signs it, Hoosiers will be seeking to harness renewable energy will be stymied unnecessarily for years to come.

**2017-04-27 - “Editorial - House should subpoena documents”
[Page: A4]**

Re-published: April 28, 2017, *Pharos-Tribune* [Page: A4]
http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-house-should-subpoena-documents/article_9f0a83b2-2ada-11e7-b0da-4bc7e0970ee4.html

Gen. Michael Flynn is in quite a pickle, and he seems to know it.

**2017-04-30 - “Editorial - Kohl's vote hurts local governments”
[Page: A4, promo on A1]**

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-kohl-s-vote-hurts-local-governments/article_d9740baa-2dea-11e7-9c32-d73e12039063.html

For each of the 92 counties in the state, Thursday’s decision at the Indiana Supreme Court will have disastrous consequences.

2017-05-05 - “Editorial - Congress exempts themselves from AHCA” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-congress-exempts-themselves-from-ahca/article_29e7c38e-3137-11e7-ae54-2b559405d313.html

Just how unpopular is the American Health Care Act, which just barely passed the House of Representatives on Thursday? The House Republicans who voted for it don’t even want it for themselves.

**2017-05-07 - “Editorial - French hack an attack on democracy”
[Page: A4]**

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-french-hack-an-attack-on-democracy/article_a038552c-32c1-11e7-99c3-bb17200147cb.html

Color us not shocked if it turns out Russian hackers were behind the French attack. Whatever the case, these online attacks aren’t just targeted at the candidates themselves, but the idea of democracy itself. In the 21st century we must realize this is the new way wars will be fought. We must remain vigilant or we will all further suffer the consequences.

2017-05-12 - “Editorial - Independent Russia investigation needed” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-independent-russia-investigation-needed/article_3890736a-36b7-11e7-8139-2f6a59d80dc1.html

What we need is an independent investigation to figure out exactly what happened. Anything less is a threat to the future of our country.

2017-05-14 - “Editorial - Mother’s Day by the numbers” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-mother-s-day-by-the-numbers/article_3cf1a654-3833-11e7-8c7f-3341ab3d0129.html

It was just over a century ago that the first Mother’s Day was officially recognized by the federal government. It began as a pair of local celebrations, which quickly expanded.

2017-05-18 - “Editorial - Facts on Comey, Trump needed now” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-facts-on-comey-trump-needed-now/article_0b14d5de-3b5d-11e7-a800-5b058a2a1830.html

The nation demands answers. We’re done with the insinuations and whispers. We hope Mueller will expedite this process.

2017-05-21 - “Editorial - Sessions issues draconian guidelines” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-sessions-issues-draconian-guidelines/article_5533be9c-3dc8-11e7-99d3-db8ae66275ea.html

Mandatory minimums unfairly punish nonviolent offenders with unnecessarily harsh sentences. These policies hurt more than just the convicts themselves, but also the families, friends and communities they leave behind while incarcerated. The longer they are away the harder it is to reintegrate into society when they do return. We know these draconian approaches don’t work because we’ve already tried them.

2017-05-26 - “Editorial - All they did was ask” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/news/editorial-all-they-did-was-ask/article_fadc86dc-41b8-11e7-b36e-c3bffa33635f.html

These developments are disturbing to say the least. How we respond to these incidents will either discourage or encourage repeat performances by others. Reporters have an obligation to ask officials questions in public spaces. This is not how adults in the United States should behave.

2017-06-11 - “Editorial - Trump must testify” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-must-testify/article_186a82f2-4e3a-11e7-9394-1bd1dffd17de.html

Whatever Comey’s flaws, he took the legal plunge. If Trump insists on sticking with his story, he should have no problem doing the same. This is one pledge Trump should be made to honor.

2017-06-15 - “Editorial - Violence knows no party” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-violence-knows-no-party/article_861ddfe8-5159-11e7-9be7-9b88b245c7b7.html

These are hideous, specious arguments no matter who makes them. In both cases, unhinged men with guns ambushed sitting lawmakers. The political persuasions of these people were irrelevant. Unstable folks with access to firearms populate both ends of the political spectrum. If and when something like this happens again, don't make a fool of yourself by conveniently forgetting this fact.

2017-06-18 - “Editorial - Fathers deserve recognition” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-fathers-deserve-recognition/article_e6f3f276-12cc-5b00-92bc-4cae2c9af634.html

Don't let their sacrifices and hard work go unnoticed.

2017-06-22 - “Editorial - Library more than books” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-library-more-than-books/article_4caf62de-56e2-11e7-9873-cb3e5e3aa890.html

Starting Aug. 4, the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will be able to claim a very special title. “[The library] will become what is thought to be the first library in the world to host a piece of art by the street artist Banksy,” Caele Pemberton, Tribune reporter, wrote in today's front page story.

2017-06-25 - “Editorial - Gerrymandering a bipartisan problem” [Page: A4]

Re-published: June 25, 2017, *Pharos-Tribune* [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-gerrymandering-a-bipartisan-problem/article_b102b302-5940-11e7-a759-b78f93c1440c.html

For whatever reason, committee member State Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Buck Creek, hasn't seen this problem as a problem at all. Both Democrats and Republicans have benefited from gerrymandering in the past. This time, the state GOP is set to reap the rewards again in four years if nothing is done. We hope Bosma, Long and Torr make good on their promise of pushing the bipartisan independent commission idea forward before then. Short term gains for one party or another shouldn't come before voters' rights to be represented equitably.

2017-07-02 - “Editorial - Protect yourself from ransomware” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-protect-yourself-from-ransomware/article_6ba055ba-5eba-11e7-b172-e7c9a60dee2e.html

Here are some general tips to help keep you safe from this growing threat.

2017-07-06 - “Editorial - You can’t shame the shameless”

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-you-can-t-shame-the-shameless/article_4bb18498-61d7-11e7-a8e2-ff0918c8a769.html

Christie’s poll numbers have been careening toward single digits, and he seems all but determined to drive them ever closer to zero. Not that it matters, though, as Christie is term-limited and cannot run again. We would call this fiasco an embarrassment, but it’s obviously not the right word. If nothing else, this mess proves you can’t shame someone who has no shame.

2017-07-09 - “Editorial - Legislators value informed citizenry”

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http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-legislators-value-informed-citizenry/article_ec7b516e-6444-11e7-b7e6-ffba9ef4fccb.html

April 22, the state’s legislative session ended a week early. To commemorate this milestone, Stephen Key, executive director and general counsel of the Hoosier State Press Association, sent a series of letters to local legislators June 30.

2017-07-16 - “Editorial - Construction means growth” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-construction-means-growth/article_7418829a-69b8-11e7-ab0c-9ff66b622d38.html

We listen to our readers, and we’ve heard it from both sides when it comes to road construction and repair in the city of Kokomo.

2017-07-20 - “Editorial - ‘Let it fail’ not a plan” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-let-it-fail-not-a-plan/article_c7914634-6cea-11e7-87cd-4f22a2bc02fe.html

Congressional Republicans’ quest to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, just can’t seem to get across the finish line. After the American Health Care Act barely passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 217 to 213 on May 3, the Senate’s version died an unceremonious death early this week.

2017-07-23 - “Editorial - Assets will be seized” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-assets-will-be-seized/article_bc96a0cc-6f3c-11e7-900d-03b964d2d99a.html

As we've written before, Attorney General Jeff Sessions seems determined to return this country to the depths of the bad old days of the so-called Drug War. First, he issued new draconian sentencing guidelines which instructed prosecutors to pursue the most serious, readily provable offense, including those which carry mandatory minimum sentences. And on Wednesday, he revived yet another reviled aspect from this chapter of American law enforcement.

2017-07-27 - "Editorial - McCain returns to the Senate" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-mccain-returns-to-the-senate/article_043fa26e-725a-11e7-a592-8f0d3a5275b5.html

As Congress debates both this and many other important issues, we hope the goodwill McCain has engendered across the aisle will allow his fellow lawmakers to hear the words he spoke this week. It will be essential to tackling the work we expect our legislators to do when we send them to Washington, D.C.

2017-07-30 - "Editorial - Russia sanctions a bipartisan effort" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-russia-sanctions-a-bipartisan-effort/article_cd30c820-74b6-11e7-afc2-f7eb2e061988.html

It's heartening to see our representatives come together to work toward a common goal which reinforces our shared national sovereignty. There are other issues looming just over the horizon such as the debt ceiling, tax reform and, yes, stabilizing the Affordable Care Act's insurance markets. We hope these lawmakers are able to find common ground again and again. That's what politics at its best look like.

2017-08-03 - "Editorial - Transgender transgression" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-transgender-transgression/article_0bdeb1a4-77dc-11e7-abb2-03656762c736.html

For now, no changes have been implemented. Tuesday, Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft told the Center for Strategic and International Studies he will "not break faith" with transgender service members. We hope this is as far as Trump's ill-conceived plan goes, but if it continues, it would be nice if more than 140 characters of thought were put into it before it was unleashed.

2017-08-06 - “Editorial - Executive needs to be checked” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-executive-needs-to-be-checked/article_d73fdab4-797e-11e7-8ce5-d7d185dc0d83.html

For right now, we desperately need Mueller protected from Trump while he works on his investigation. In a larger sense, let this be a lesson for the future about the separation of powers and their importance.

2017-08-10 - “Editorial - Needle programs need funding” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-needle-programs-need-funding/article_9045bce0-7d58-11e7-855c-4343809111e5.html

We here in Howard County have recognized that the opioid issue is not an entirely law enforcement program. Social help is needed. Mental health help is needed. Addiction help is needed. This isn't a simple problem, and it won't be solved with a simple solution. It will take hard work on multiple fronts, and we'll need all the necessary tools on the table.

2017-08-13 - “Editorial - Trump fails to call out Nazis” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-fails-to-call-out-nazis/article_fa66f406-7fae-11e7-aedb-ebf2a137bba4.html

This isn't hard, Mr. President. Nazis are bad. You can say it.

2017-08-17 - “Editorial - 'Alt-' wrong” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-alt--wrong/article_f543cdd0-82df-11e7-a1da-cf74f30b5836.html

We already had terms to describe these beliefs. We don't require intentionally confusing new ones.

2017-08-20 - “Editorial - Liquor lobby well represented” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-liquor-lobby-well-represented/article_47a456a2-854d-11e7-b6e0-430659b8e133.html

We hope this panel can overcome the financial incentives to work for one party's interests, and instead go to work for their constituents. It remains to be seen if they can, though. Actions will speak louder than words.

2017-08-25 - “Editorial - Handgun permits are needed” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-handgun-permits-are-needed/article_8c722142-8930-11e7-8081-bb23a0d136bd.html

No one is saying Hoosiers can't have handguns. And, in this case, no one is even proposing more restrictions than are currently in place. All that's being asked by law enforcement personnel is to keep what we have. That's all.

2017-08-27 - "Editorial - Rokita should focus on his job" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-rokita-should-focus-on-his-job/article_8eac7efe-8aba-11e7-92d9-cbf04713683a.html

The residents of District 4 are your supervisors, Rep. Rokita, and we see where your wandering eyes are focused for the time being — and it's not on us.

2017-09-03 - "Editorial - Protect the DREAMers" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-protect-the-dreamers/article_b8753632-903b-11e7-bea7-8faeb4402b1b.html

These DREAMers represent the best of America, which is the only country most of them have ever known. If the president won't move to protect them, then the legislative branch must do what it has failed to do in the past and defend this vulnerable population.

2017-09-10 - "Editorial - Trump tries bipartisanship" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-trump-tries-bipartisanship/article_b17b20c6-95ae-11e7-99f8-4bbe0cc1ec76.html

This could very well be temporary, but it's certainly the first time we've seen the president take the lead like this.

2017-09-14 - "Editorial - County supports hotel project" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-county-supports-hotel-project/article_59a90640-98da-11e7-ad99-afeea2793f4d.html

We're glad to see the county is participating financially in the convention center. Even though the location is set to be in downtown Kokomo, this affects the whole county. What's good for Kokomo is good for all of Howard County, and vice versa. We have a mutually beneficial relationship between the two entities, and it's encouraging to see our local leaders recognize that fact.

2017-09-17 - "Editorial - How to write letters, releases" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-how-to-write-letters-releases/article_baad13fa-9b41-11e7-bdec-afb294f682ae.html

A pair of interactions with readers this week got us thinking it was time for a quick reminder.

2017-09-21 - “Editorial - Celebrate Banned Books Week” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-celebrate-banned-books-week/article_b10682ea-9e58-11e7-8f5c-fb757de0e13b.html

There’s nothing wrong with monitoring your family’s reading habits. What is wrong is to issue blanket rules of taste. Just because you’ve decided something is inappropriate, it doesn't mean everyone else must live by your same standard. Freedom of expression is one of those cornerstones of a free society which we all too often take for granted. The price we must pay for enjoying this luxury is sticking up for free speech, even — and especially — when it’s controversial.

2017-09-21 - “Editorial - McCain leads the way again” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-mccain-leads-the-way-again/article_37ee41b0-a0b8-11e7-9e3a-0f58f9cb8d46.html

Here we have a famous Hoosier Democrat and a decorated Republican statesman and hero saying the same thing. Most people in the middle want bipartisanship. True leaders of every political stripe understand this.

2017-09-28 - “Editorial - Lift Jones Act for Puerto Rico” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-lift-jones-act-for-puerto-rico/article_35f97356-a3e8-11e7-afb0-0f997540f5e9.html

McCain is right. This is simply unacceptable. Puerto Ricans — American citizens — are facing a desperate situation that has already spiraled into a full-blown humanitarian crisis. Arcane protectionist maritime laws are keeping valuable resources from reaching the people who desperately need it. We must act as decisively as we have done during previous emergencies. Time is of the essence.

2017-10-01 - “Editorial - Tax plan no ‘miracle’” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-tax-plan-no-miracle/article_b6e6fa5e-a638-11e7-9d89-af1c8d3165aa.html

The middle class needs a miracle all right, but this isn’t it.

2017-10-05 - “Editorial - Ban bump stocks” [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-ban-bump-stocks/article_594b2fda-a95a-11e7-a41a-cbdd74803b1e.html

There's never a better time than right now to address what ails us. This should be an easy issue for politicians of both parties to get behind. It has nothing to do with banning the weapons themselves. What we should be doing is finding something, anything, we can do to try to limit the body count so that the next Stephen Paddock has just that much harder of a time mowing down scores of innocents.

2017-10-12 - "Editorial - Holcomb continues winning streak" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-holcomb-continues-winning-streak/article_d148c994-abb6-11e7-93f4-4f9da920787e.html

As far as who will come into contact with the most vulnerable to the opioid epidemic, you'd be hard pressed to find a more suited position than township government. These are the people who are tasked with helping those who need it the most in our state. They will have the most opportunities to access on the ground who needs what kind of help, and direct them toward resources sooner rather than later.

2017-10-12 - "Editorial - Pence the paid protester" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-pence-the-paid-protester/article_53e72890-aedd-11e7-abea-afd68542ce84.html

Ever since Trump's inauguration, baseless rumors of the protesters demonstrating against the administration being paid have swirled. As it turns out, Pence himself turns out to have been the paid protester after all. What a twist.

2017-10-15 - "Editorial - FEMA thresholds too high for us" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-fema-thresholds-too-high-for-us/article_4bd7bbdc-b460-11e7-8d3c-4bff53e58a39.html

We are the richest country in the history of the world. This is a promise we can keep if we set our minds to it.

2017-10-19 - "Editorial - Sharing records aids in opioid fight" [Page: A4]

http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-sharing-records-aids-in-opioid-fight/article_4d1f4276-b465-11e7-854c-e3b730b1bcb8.html

This news is a welcome step in the right direction. We're certainly nowhere near out of the woods yet, but we need to get the facts straight if we have any hope of beating back this scourge.

2017-10-22 - “Editorial - Ban still the right move” [Page: A4]
http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-ban-still-the-right-move/article_7f0c39c0-b6b2-11e7-b6c1-bb3eca456074.html

What we can say with certainty is that the health benefits will be evident. As Howard County Commissioner Paul Wyman has repeatedly pointed out, Howard County is listed in the bottom half of health rankings for Indiana’s 92 counties. If we can improve our ranking, the health care savings will more than pay for any lost revenue.

2017-11-02 - “Editorial - Taking on opioids locally” [Page: A4]
http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-taking-on-opioids-locally/article_fc74b6ca-bf5f-11e7-94d6-cb55784b4fb6.html

As Tribune reporter George Myers wrote in his Oct. 26 story, we're dealing with a historically fatal opioid crisis here in Howard County.

2017-11-05 - “Editorial - Marching bands deserve recognition” [Page: A4]
http://www.kokomotribune.com/indianakokomo/editorial-marching-bands-deserve-recognition/article_fc0b8144-c1c3-11e7-85a9-1f010f49e31a.html

On Saturday, the 45th annual Indiana State School Music Association's marching band finals was held at Lucas Oil Stadium.